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CNMI honors and thanks veterans

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The Commonwealth remembered and gave thanks to all who served in uniform during the annual Veterans Day ceremony yesterday at the American Memorial Park, giving honor to those who've laid their lives on the line since World War II, all the way up to modern conflicts.

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From left, acting governor Ralph DLG Torres, Veterans and Military Affairs office director Joseph M. Palacios, a cadet of the Saipan Southern High School Manta Ray Battalion, and keynote speaker Lt. Col. Gregorio M. Sablan present a wreath of flowers at the Court of Honor of the American Memorial Park yesterday as part of the celebration of Veterans Day.

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The Department of Lands and Natural Resources will be closing down the Outer Cove Marina for commercial use starting tomorrow, Nov. 13.

In a public meeting held Tuesday night, DLNR Secretary Richard Seman announced the closure to tenants and other concerned members.

"We can no longer operate commercially out there," Seman said.

He added that there will be absolutely no loading and unloading at the Outer

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Flood of support backs Kan Pacific

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Kan Pacific Saipan, the owner of Mariana Resort & Spa, has received an avalanche of support from members of the public, all of whom are calling on the government to renew the company's public land lease in Marpi.

Kan Pacific's service for over three decades in the CNMI has prompted many to speak out against the Department of

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New lawsuit challenges denial of voting rights in US territories

Six U.S. citizens living in Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands filed a federal lawsuit yesterday challenging federal and state laws that

deny them the right to vote for President and voting representation in Congress while protecting full enjoyment of the right to vote of similarly situated

citizens living in other U.S. territories and in foreign countries.

Joining in the lawsuit is a Guam-based veterans organization, Iraq Af-

ghanistan and Persian Gulf Veterans of the Pacific, and the League of Women Voters of the Virgin Islands.

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Century Tours sues CPA over flight suspension in Aug.

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Century Tours Inc. is suing the Commonwealth Ports Authority over the suspension of flights last Aug. 21 due to the unavailability of a fire and rescue truck, which stranded many tourists on Saipan.

According to Century Tours, CPA's negligence and carelessness cost the company \$149,044 in expenses paid on behalf of the stranded tourists.

Century Tours wants the Superior Court to hold CPA liable to pay such damages, plus court costs.

Century Tours manages charter flights carrying Chi-

nese tourists to and from China to Saipan.

According to the Marianas Visitors Authority and airport officials, 1,600 passengers were stranded that weekend because of the incident. The airport returned to normal operations four days later, after CPA expedited the shipment of a steering gear box from a manufacturer out of Wisconsin.

Federal Aviation Administration regulations require commercial airports to be ready to respond to aircraft incidents and accidents, fires, and hazardous materials incidents. That includes having a working fire truck.

According to Century Tours

counsel Steven P. Pixley in the complaint, CPA, through its executive director, notified Century Tours on Aug. 21 that one of its aircraft fire fighting and rescue trucks was not operational.

Pursuant to Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting regulations, this caused the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport to downgrade its index from Index D to Index C.

Index C means that only aircraft between 129 feet and no more than 159 feet in size are allowed to land.

Pixley said FAA has strict mandatory rules regarding the availability of fire and rescue trucks at commercial airports for emergencies. As a commer-

cial operator, CPA was aware of these requirements, he said.

The unavailability of this truck and the downgrade of the airport to Index C caused the airport to temporarily stop the landing and takeoff of jets with a wingspan exceeding 159 feet.

This impacted Century Tours, as it manages charter flights operated by both Sichuan Airlines and China Eastern Airlines. These two airlines primarily operate Airbus 330 aircraft, commonly known as "wide body" aircraft because the wingspans of these aircraft exceed 159 feet.

As a result of the airport downgrade, Pixley said, the Airbus 330 aircraft were unable to

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Bridge Capital awards full-ride NMC scholarship to Cambodian student

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A 20-year-old student from Poipet, Cambodia, was recently awarded an all-expense paid scholarship to the Northern Marianas College, courtesy of Bridge Capital LLC and its affiliate, Angkor Capital Specialized Bank in Cambodia.

Rada Long bested 15 other applicants during the interview and application process.



Long

The scholarship allows Long to enroll in any course at the start of the spring semester 2016.

Jordahl said the scholarship allows students from Indochina a chance to experience and pursue academic study in the CNMI.

"We are very proud to play a role in fulfilling young people's dreams of continuing their education and improving their lives," Jordahl said.

Long said he looks

forward to the opportunity to experience American culture and further his education. He is expected to arrive in time for the start of the spring 2016 semester but is currently awaiting his student visa.

Long has experience working at the Kampot-Takeo-Kep Chamber of Commerce, a division of the Cambodia Chamber of Commerce, and has travelled to countries such as France, Austria, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Dubai, Hong Kong, Singapore, Philippines, Thailand, and Laos.

When asked what Long intends to take up at NMC, Jordahl said that Long will first enroll in the English Language Institute to improve his language skills. Over time, he will elect between two- or four-year program offerings at the college.

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CJMT plans on Tinian are 'somewhat problematic'

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Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas emphasized yesterday the need for a civilian and military advisory council that will guide the U.S. military's plans for the island.

During a Veterans Day ceremony at the Antonio M. Borja Amphitheater yesterday, San Nicolas said this council would ensure the longevity and preservation of Tinian.

He also expressed the importance of recognizing the many sacrifices of military personnel who serve "to preserve our way of life and the freedoms and liberties we enjoy."

"The people of Tinian have a very special bond with the military and I am constantly amazed as to how many of our people have served or are currently serv-



Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas welcomes home U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Adrian Evangelista during a Veterans Day ceremony at the Antonio M. Borja Amphitheater. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

ing in the armed forces. To me, this shows not only our patriotism and pride for our country but a true commitment to defending our beliefs and values," he said.

San Nicolas said that Tinian has nearly 200 individuals who

have served in the military or are currently serving. He welcomed home U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Adrian Evangelista, who made a special visit to Tinian in honor of Veterans Day and was yesterday's keynote speaker.

"As veterans, I am sure you have all been following the various military development plans for Tinian that have been proposed since Washington, D.C. began their pivot to the Pacific back in 2006. Although we have been able to deal with the Mariana Islands Training and Testing plan, as well as the Joint Guam Program Office plan, the Commonwealth Joint Military Training Plan and the Air Force divert facility plan have been, to say the least, somewhat problematic," he said.

The mayor shared that he had written to Gov. Eloy S. Inos re-

questing to initiate a civilian military advisory council—as written in the technical agreement that was attached to the Covenant.

"When our forefathers negotiated the Covenant, as well as the technical agreement establishing the Tinian leased lands, they recognized the time would come when we—the civilian community of Tinian and the military community—would need to revisit the technical agreement and make adjustments..." he said. "That time has come."

San Nicolas emphasized the need for a civilian military advisory commission as a long-term

effort between the people of Tinian and the military establishment to resolve problems in an amicable fashion.

"We need to address some issues before the first boots hit the ground. Then we will need to continuously modify plans to meet the challenges we face as the military development begins and progresses. That being said, I welcome all of our veterans... in the celebration of Veterans Day," he said.

Yesterday's event started with an honor walk from the Tinian Gymnasium to the Amphitheater. Besides San Nicolas, in attendance at the walk were Rep. Edwin Aldan (Ind-Tinian) and Sen. Francisco M. Borja (Ind-Tinian).



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Public Land's stance to put the property up for bid once the lease expires in 2018.

Saipan casino licensee Best Sunshine International, Ltd. has expressed an interest in the property.

In one of many letters addressed to both Kan Pacific and the Legislature, community member Raymond Muña expressed his full support for Mariana Resort and its continuing display of respect and

hospitality.

"The infrastructure of Kan Pacific is a perfect fit for the location of Marpi...[which] is one of the most treasured places of Saipan. It remains untouched with significant development and embraces what Saipan should actually be. Kan Pacific offers the most with the least amount of development. I understand development generates additional revenue that could benefit the CNMI; however, disregarding Kan Pacific and possibly establishing a bigger hotel under a different owner will destroy the beauty of

Marpi. Marpi is rich in history from both the Latte Period and [World War II] era and it should be kept that way. Additional development in Marpi will alter our historical and traditional look," Muña's letter states.

He pointed out that Kan Pacific has adapted to the needs of the native culture while supporting a local workforce.

"I completely understand that the CNMI needs additional revenue for our ailing economy; however, if we keep developing our natural beauty and destroying our cultural resources, we... will lose our cultural identity to

greed. It's not us who suffer, but our children and grandchildren. When we pass on and our children and grandchildren become the future generation, they will have no cultural identity left to protect," he adds.

Others expressed the need for tourism diversity, especially since the decline of the Japanese market and the current influx of Chinese and Korean visitors.

"A continued decline in arrivals may result in less flights from Japan... It is an eye opener that, when considering the resort may lose its lease, we lose more arrivals from Japan...Seri-

us all the right to vote, or those of us who can vote absentee will make sure we vote against you."

New push

Although the U.S. Constitution has already been amended once to provide federal voting rights to residents of non-state areas, the path to a constitutional amendment is always steep. In order to help create support for a new voting rights amendment, We the People Project is calling on the public to:

1) Go to www.EquallyAmerican.org to sign their Equal Rights Petition, or take the Right to Vote Survey at www.RepresentGuam.com to support the right to vote, wherever you live.

2) Call on Guam's officials to support a constitutional amendment to guarantee representation and the right to vote for President to all Americans, wherever they live.

3) For residents of Guam, make support of a new voting rights amendment a litmus test for presidential candidates seeking your vote in the Primary.

4) For people living state-side with ties to Guam, make support of a new voting rights amendment a litmus test for presidential candidates seeking your vote in the primary and general elections.

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"One year out from the 2016 presidential election, this lawsuit highlights the injustice and absurdity that in 2015 Americans are still being disenfranchised because of where they live," said Neil Weare, president and founder of We the People Project, which advocates for equal rights and representation for the over 4 million U.S. citizens living in U.S. territories.

The lawsuit is part of a broader effort We the People Project kicked off on Veterans Day to advocate for full voting rights for every American, whether one lives in a state, territory, or the District of Columbia. With the 2016 presidential election cycle in full swing, We the People Project is calling to build on the 23rd Amendment (right to vote for President in DC) to guarantee representation and the right to vote for President to all Americans, wherever they live.

"The U.S. Constitution has already been amended once to protect the right to vote for U.S. citizens living in non-state areas. With more than 4 million Americans continuing to be disenfranchised because they live in a U.S. territory, it is time to again expand the right to vote through a constitutional amendment," Weare said.

New lawsuit

Under the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act and Illinois' Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment law, a former resident of Illinois who is now a resident of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, or a foreign country can continue voting for President and voting representation in Congress in Illinois by absentee ballot. But plaintiffs—each a former resident of Illinois—have lost full enjoyment of their right to vote by virtue of living in Puerto Rico, Guam, or the U.S. Virgin Islands.

"Equal protection does not permit Congress or the states to protect the right to vote for certain Americans living overseas while denying it to others," said Leevin Camacho, who represents plaintiffs along with We the People Project, Geoffrey Wyatt, who is based in Washington, D.C., and attorneys in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. "Our goal with this lawsuit is to bring us one step closer to making sure everyone in Guam has full enjoyment of the right to vote."

Lead plaintiff Luis Segovia, who lives with his wife Lulene Baza Segovia in Yoña, served an 18-month tour in Iraq with the U.S. Army, a 12-month tour in Afghanistan with the Illinois National Guard, and a 10-month tour in Afghanistan as part of the Guam National Guard. In

Iraq, he helped provide security for the 2005 Iraqi elections. He was deployed on his second tour to Afghanistan just months after the 2012 presidential elections, unable to vote for President.

"On Veterans Day, it's hard to be treated like I am good enough to risk my life defending democracy, but not good enough to vote for my commander-in-chief," said Segovia, who is currently a staff sergeant in the Guam National Guard and who also serves in the civilian security forces for the U.S. Navy.

"So long as you are a U.S. citizen, where you live shouldn't have anything to do with whether your fundamental right to vote is protected," said Anthony Buntin, a veteran who lives with his wife, Barbara Perez Hattori, and their family in Piti.

"Every step forward when it comes to voting rights means more political power for Guam veterans in Washington," said Rodney Cruz Jr., president and Founder of IAP-GVP and himself a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. "We must work toward equal representation and the right to vote, because otherwise it's like we have both hands tied behind our back as we work with the federal government to address our veterans' health care crisis and other important issues facing our community. If successful, this case will allow us to say to leaders in Washington: give

VETERANS

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Officials at the ceremony at the American Memorial Park yesterday cited the local scouts that aided U.S. Marines in weeding out the Japanese resistance on island after World War II, to those who formally wore the uniform and served in the wars in Korea, Vietnam, and Iraq and other military operations since then.

"I am proud to say and thank [all those who served] and continue to serve today," said Veterans and Military Affairs office director Joseph M. Palacios. "It is because of all our veterans here and abroad that we are able to be here today because of their work to keep America safe. We know that freedom is not free."

"To be a member of our

uniformed services isn't for everyone...the job they have is not an easy one," said acting governor Ralph DLG Torres. "Every so often they are called to action when they least expect it. Indeed it is a task not for everyone but it is a task they do with pride and honor...we salute them, for it is because of their service that we are who we are today: Free."

"To the members of our veterans and all those here today...I ask one request: Never stop showing gratitude to these individuals," the acting governor said.

Keynote speaker Lt. Col. Gregorio M. Sablan of the U.S. Army said he is honored to commemorate "those before us who have given the ultimate sacrifice so that peace and honor will prevail and to give thanks to those that have served with quiet honor and dignity."

It has been 70 years since World War II ended in 1945. The Marianas played a key role in America's victory over Japan, flying U.S. planes from Saipan and Tinian for bombing raids over Japan.

"Saipan played a pivotal role in quickly ending the war against Japan from the air bases in Saipan and Tinian. The B-29 Super Fortress flew bombing missions to Japan and also...the *Enola Gay* dropping the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki which quickly ended the war and the surrender of Japan," Sablan said.

"Let us also not forget our local Marine scouts made up of local and Carolinians in assisting the Marines in weeding out the remaining Japanese resistance on island. And also consider at the time the local police force. Let us not forget them but remember them as

well for their sacrifices.

"...We answered the call and we never backed down in the defense of our country...I pray that there will be peace throughout the world but sadly and unfortunately we live in a world of many uncertainties.

"I ask you all when you see a veteran, our sons and daughters in uniform, greet them and say thank you for your service. That goes a long way for a veteran like myself. As Gen. Douglas MacArthur once said, 'Old soldiers never die, they just simply fade away.' We should never forget," Sablan said.

Officials also thanked Veterans Affairs staff Bernie Dela Cruz and chair Jennifer Guerrero for their hard work in the program.

Marianas High School Chorus and the Saipan Pacific Winds band also performed during yesterday's ceremony.

ously, we all need to really look at what is at stake here! ...If we RFP the property, are we saying we are to do this with Hyatt Regency when their lease is up about 10 years from now? Is Fiesta Resort up in 10 plus years too? How about all other properties? Are we setting ourselves up for failure in booting out businesses that have committed themselves to the CNMI? Ask yourself that and then think about what we, [including our government] is doing. Are we setting precedence? Are we ready to lose a property that continuously focuses on bringing Japanese tourist to our island? I support the renewal because it is the right choice!" said former Marianas Visitors Authority staff Wayne Pangelinan.

Others lamented what they described as the "unfair treatment" of investors on Saipan.

"I am against unfair treatment to all investors. I think they are dealing Mariana Resort a bad hand, and I am very much against that. I strongly believe we must be fair in dealing with our investors, and especially those such as Mariana Resort and Spa, which has been with us through thick and thin...I support the renewal/ extension of the Mariana Resort and Spa's lease," said private citizen Gloria Hunter.

"Many of our people have moved on in search of greener pastures. Many have stayed. We do what we do with the hope that our decision is what is best for those we love most. That is

MARINA

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Cove Marina, but boaters can use them for parking.

"They are more than welcome to use the facility, provided that they sign a waiver that basically informs us that they are fully and totally aware of the situation and that they do that at their own risk," Seman said.

He noted that tenants understand the need to close down the marina and that while DLNR is stopping the commercial use, it is also doing its best to expedite the repair.

"Their concern is whether they can continue to operate. And the answer is yes," Seman said.

About 70 percent of tenants of the Outer Cove will be using the Smiling Cove. Because of the load, Seman said they will be working out a schedule for all those who will use Smiling Cove, which was originally intended for recreational boaters only.

Seman said they will also discuss what needs to be done with the expected increase in

why we leave. It is why choose to remain. This philosophy is also shared by our business community. Many have come and gone. Some have chosen to not only stay back but stay in business. I'd like to think it is because they believe in our island and have chosen to continue to serve as they did when their doors first opened. To them, like to many of us, Saipan is home. Marianas Resort is one of those places. Like a good deal of folks, I have many fond memories of our little getaway to the north. Mariana Resort believed in Saipan long before any casino saw potential in our tropical gem. Food for thought—one may think that someone who gave \$100 loves you more than the one who only gave you \$5. The one who gave \$100 had \$10,000 in his pocket. The other only had \$5 in theirs. Marianas Resort has given and continues to give us all it could. That's love. Saipan is home," wrote Jay Sanchez.

Another letter writer, Jack Diaz, said: "Mariana Resort is one of those companies that remained despite the declining tourism arrivals from Japan. I am in support of their renewal and I think we should not let this government have its way. The deal with BSI was for them to build, not buy. We should ask the Marianas Visitors Authority board to step up and support Mariana Resort..."

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traffic—not only for boats but for land vehicles as well—in the Smiling Cove Marina.

He said they will be meeting with tour operators, who usually bring in buses and vans.

"We need to see what happens to see how we can approach it," Seman said.

However, as bigger boats requiring deeper drafts will not be able to use the Smiling Cove, a temporary solution will have to be put in place.

"We need to focus our attention also on their need because they deal with a large volume of people and we want to minimize the impact of the closure," Seman said. "We need to find accommodation and the way to do it is to fix the specific site right away within a day or two."

Seman said they will be putting out a request for proposal for the temporary and immediate repair of Dock A that would enable them to use it for a year to a year and a half while they work on the marina's overhaul.

He said they are also preparing the RFP for the submerged lands of the Outer Cove Marina with the assistance of the Office of the Attorney General.

ous hotels on Saipan beginning Aug. 21, 2015, Pixley said.

Pixley said CPA owed a duty of care to ensure that these emergency vehicles were properly maintained for the continued operation of the airport and to ensure the safety of passengers.

CENTURY

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operate at the Saipan airport.

Because of the suspension of flights, Century Tours was forced to provide accommodations and feed its stranded tourists at vari-

Customs now OK'd to use fines to improve services

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A bill that allows the Depart-

ment of Finance's Division of Customs to keep all the fines it collects at ports of entry of the Commonwealth became law

on Monday. Public Law 19-9 became law after a statutory deadline for acting governor Ralph DLG Torres to act on it expired.

The new law adds a new provision to the Commonwealth Code. The provision, "Collection of fines at the ports of entry," gives Customs the authority to collect and keep fines imposed on businesses and individuals at the ports of entry for but not limited to training, operations and personnel costs associated with the division's mission to improve services "and the fight on the ice epidemic in the" CNMI.

"Such funds shall not be subject to reprogramming," the bill states.

The bill empowers Customs to create rules and regulations to standardize and regulate fees and fines. It also requires Finance to report on the collection and expenditure of fees quarterly to the presiding officers of the Legislature.

"Certain business within the Commonwealth...are being dishonest in their declaration when importing goods to be more profitable and to gain a competitive edge against other businesses in the CNMI," the bill states. It adds that Customs is tasked with protecting CNMI's borders and assessing goods and commodities at ports of entry.

Customs, though, is currently relying strictly on manpower

to investigate and assess all containers at the seaport and each package at the airports and post offices, the bill notes, and the lack of proper equipment for Customs adds up to man hours, causing overtime payment that business would rather avoid paying, as well as delays in clearance at ports of entry.

Customs director Joe Mafnas said he is thankful to the Legislature for passing the bill and the Inos administration for

allowing it to go through to become law.

"Those are fines [that] we are going to use. We will use that for Customs uniforms, so we can have real uniforms from head to toe. [For] training, to hire an expert to train our officers, and for anything that would help us."

Mafnas said they are working on how to standardize the fines and will be sending this to the Attorney General's Office for review.

CARE drafting bylaws to enhance accountability and transparency

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REPORTER

The non-profit Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts is in the midst of drafting its bylaws that will serve as its basic rules, policies, and procedures and enhance accountability and transparency.

According to CARE director Jenny Hegland, the bylaws have not been finalized and input will be sought from their subcommittees: the steering committee; communications, resource development and donations management; case management and spiritual/emotional care; construction; workforce recovery; public health; and volunteer management.

In section 3 under article 2 of the draft, "CARE is organized exclusively for the charitable purpose of and the promotion of social welfare by providing coordinated management of the long-term recovery to residents of the CNMI...who do not have adequate personal resources for basic needs as a result of disaster."

The draft states that its board of directors is to be referred to as the steering committee.

The draft defines the roles of the subcommittees as follows: volunteer management facilitates volunteer involvement in community recovery projects such as the ongoing debris removal; construction is defined as the coordina-

tion and scheduling of all rebuilding projects for cases approved by the CARE process; workforce development is the promotion of job placement and workforce training opportunities in activities performed by CARE; case management and spiritual/emotional cares provides coordination with network partner case managers and provides counseling to address the emotional and spiritual needs of clients; communications, resource development and donations management disseminates relevant information to the public about the plans, ongoing work and successes as well as the management of its website and the securing of grants and funding received; and the public health committee promotes health resources and addresses unmet needs during the recovery stage, which to date, includes the implementation of a mobile clinic.

Presently, the chair for the steering committee is Lauri Ogumoro of Karidat; chair for communications, resource development and donations management is Glen Hunter; chair for the construction committee is Sonya Dancoe; chair for workforce recovery is lieutenant governor chief of staff Matthew Deleon Guerrero; and chair for volunteer management is Shelane Borja.

If you'd like to volunteer or would like additional information on CARE, log onto www.cnmicare.com.

Customs looking at hefty fine for importer

Three hundred pairs of shoes, 58 cartons of cigarettes, a 50-kVA generator, and cases of pesticides and liquor.

These were the undeclared or undervalued items discovered by the Division of Customs about two weeks ago during an inspection of an importer's container at the Port of Saipan.

"We have a company that we are now holding," Mafnas told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, noting that the cigarettes, pesticides, and liquor were smuggled. The 300 pairs of shoes were not declared as well. And the generator was valued at \$1,500.

Mafnas would not disclose the importer's name when asked.

"It's been here two weeks. We are just working with the importer, interviewing them. We inspected the container and we found all of this undervalued, undeclared" items, he said.

He said fines for these items would be based on existing regulation, which calls for fines of up to 100 percent of market value. He noted that the market value for the shoes was at \$30 each. "Thirty times 300—that would be the fine," he said.

In total, fines for this particular importer—per regulation—would amount to \$29,000. Mafnas noted, though, that the fines would not be \$29,000 but would "still be reasonable and hefty."

"If we forced, or say, we are not going to release this container until you pay the \$29,000, there is a possibility that the importer will" refuse to pay and leave it with Customs.

"This is their first offense. We are looking at maybe a \$10,000 fine" but on a second or third offense, it would be "worse." He said he was meeting with the importer yesterday. (Dennis B. Chan)

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CARE outreach helps 37 homes, cleans up storm debris

Volunteers of the Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts continued with storm debris sorting and staging project this past weekend, focusing their efforts in Dandan in a coordinated effort with Rep. Edwin Propst. During the group's operation on Saturday, Nov. 7, CARE assisted 37 homes, removed 315 cubic yards of storm debris, and conducted 52 client intakes/home assessments to identify unmet needs.

"We are so grateful for the community leadership shown by Rep. Propst in helping to make this cleanup such a success," said CARE director Jenny Hegland. "Debris removal is an important step in the long-term recovery process, and with volunteer and village support like this weekend's we will continue to implement CARE's mission to build a more resilient community."

CARE also partnered with United 4 Saipan and AmeriCorps for this event. Team leads trained by AmeriCorps led the work conducted by 132 volunteers, giving a total of 436 volunteer hours of service.

Volunteers included groups from Best Sunshine, MINA, Beautify CNMI, the Chinese Association of Saipan, Agape Christian School, and other high schools and churches.

Additional assistance was provided by the Department of Public Works. Tools and supplies were provided by United 4 Saipan and AmeriCorps. Reps. Joseph Lee Pan Deleon Guerrero, Angel Demapan, Roman Benavente, and Propst, United 4 Saipan, Best Sunshine, and Joeten Enterprises provided lunch and snacks for the volunteers.

"CARE will be continuing our debris project this upcoming weekend," said Hegland. "We are asking for volunteers to join us again this Saturday morning in Kagman to provide a helping hand for our neighbors in need and to help us build a more resilient community."

CARE will again be partnering with United 4 Saipan and AmeriCorps for this cleanup event on Saturday, Nov. 14. Interested volunteers are asked to meet at Kagman High School at 8:30am. There they will be as-



signed to a team leader who will direct their cleanup efforts. Volunteers are encouraged to wear long pants and closed-toe walking shoes. Water and lunch will be provided.

CARE is helping to build a more resilient community by facilitating coordination between network partners, business and government leaders, and community volunteers, identifying unmet needs, and delivering long-term support to those most impacted by disaster. For more information, go to www.cnmi-care.com. (CARE)

Volunteers of the Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts sort storm debris in Dandan.

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IN DISPUTE OVER \$224,585 IN COMPANY'S SAVINGS ACCOUNT Process server unable to find company's agent

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Despite several attempts, a process server has failed to locate Jina Yoo, the registered agent of

a company that has \$224,585 in a savings account that is currently the subject of a dispute among former business partners.

Rainaldo S. Agulto, a process server in both local and federal cases for 16 years, stated in his declaration filed in federal court on Tuesday that he has been attempting to serve Yoo, the registered agent for Universal Group Development, Inc.

Agulto said he visited the only known business location of Universal Group on several occasions, going on different days of the week, including the weekend.

Agulto said he has never been able to locate Yoo, and that in fact it appears to him that the Universal Group's office's location has not been used for some time.

He said he called the number listed on Universal Group's an-

nual corporation report, and the person who answered stated that Yoo is off-island.

Agulto has been retained by attorney Mark Scoggins to serve upon Yoo a copy of the complaint filed in this case along with summons to appear before the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Scoggins is counsel for businessman Wanzhong Yu, who maintains he is still president of Universal Group.

Universal Group, through counsel Samuel Mok, is suing its former president and shareholder, Yu, for conversion and the First Hawaiian Bank for breach of contract.

Universal Group alleged that Yu and the bank have blocked the company from gaining access to \$225,000 of its own funds from a business savings account.

Yu filed a cross-claim, alleging he was detained in China for 22 months caused by political influence exerted by his former business partners. Yu named Mingnan Jin and Jinwei Guo as defendants in his cross-claim.

According to Scoggins, the court has allowed Yu to serve Guo through the registered agent of Universal Group.

Scoggins previously asked the court to allow Yu to serve Yoo by mail but the court ordered that Guo be served by personal service on the registered agent. Scoggins said Yu has been trying since the order was granted to serve the registered agent.

Scoggins said that Agulto has made numerous attempts to serve the agent at the only known business locations of Universal Group, but the process server has never been able to locate the agent.

Scoggins said that CNMI law provides that "if a corporation has no registered agent, or the agent cannot with reasonable diligence be served, the corporation may be served by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the secretary of the corporation at its principle office."

Scoggins said Yu therefore seeks a slight change in the court's order to allow him to serve Guo by mailing the summons and cross-claim to the secretary of the corporation.

Last September, Agulto also declared that he has been unable to locate Mingnan Jin to serve Yu's summons and complaint.

Mingnan Jin and Jinwei Guo are claiming they are the officers and directors of Universal Group and that Guo is now the sole shareholder.

Last May, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona dismissed Universal Group's claims against Yu. Manglona, however, allowed Universal Group to file an amended complaint.

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The report can be reviewed at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Central Office, NMHC Field Offices in Tinian and Rota. The report can also be viewed online at www.nmhc.gov.net.

The presentation will be held at our NMHC Central Office on November 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room. The presentation will provide the community an overview of the report on the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. This presentation will also allow our community to inquire and provide comments regarding the report.

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Ex-CBP officer gets time served sentence, 3-year probation

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Former U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer Bob Hajime DeLeon Guerrero Yamagishi was slapped last Tuesday with a 44-day time served sentence and three years of probation for two counts of wire fraud.

"Starting over is what you need to focus on now," U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona told the 42-year-old Yamagishi.

Manglona also ordered Yamagishi to pay \$6,794.57 in restitution, \$200 in court assessment fee, \$500 fine, and perform 50 hours of community service.

During his probation, Yamagishi will be prohibited from

possessing firearms and other dangerous weapon, and from entering any gambling establishment.

He was required to undergo drug test and mental health assessment, as well as participate in substance abuse treatment/program.

The judge encouraged Yamagishi to talk to children about the evils of illegal drugs and ordered him to refrain from drinking alcohol. She encouraged his relatives, who were in court yesterday, not to offer him drinks.

"Tell your family, you can't drink," the judge said.

Yamagishi is also prohibited from opening any credit cards without the court's permission.

Although the crimes Yamagi-

shi pleaded guilty to are non-violent offenses, Manglona said it still caused him financial harm.

Yamagishi not only caused so much embarrassment to his family but also to the U.S. government as he was then a CBP officer, Manglona said.

Before the sentence was announced, Yamagishi apologized to his family for the embarrassment and pain that he caused to them. As a then-CBP officer, Yamagishi said he was in a position to uphold the law. He said his addiction to "ice" changed him.

"I can only change now and for tomorrow," he said.

He accepted his mistakes and told the judge he was standing in court to accept the consequences for his actions.

"I look forward to the next chapter of my life," he said.

Responding to Manglona's inquiry, Yamagishi said at first

he was addicted to gambling, then to "ice." He said "ice" devastated him as he almost lost everything. He said the

only thing he did not lose was his family's support.

Assistant U.S. attorney Russell Lorfing recommended the lowest in the sentencing guidelines range, a \$500 fine, and three years of probation. Lorfing said a probation sentence is appropriate as this will allow Yamagishi to pay back the money he fraudulently obtained.

Lorfing also cited Yamagishi's immediate acceptance of responsibility.

Attorney Janet H. King, counsel for Yamagishi, recommended no prison term, and a probation.

King said Yamagishi made a terrible mistake, "a mistake that he will carry throughout the rest of his life." She said the crimes committed did not inflict physical harm to others, but only to Yamagishi and his parents and family.

Yamagishi has seven young children.

King said the defendant wishes to go back to probation.

Yamagishi pleaded guilty to two counts of wire fraud after making illegal cash advance transactions on a travel charge card between July 4 and Aug. 7, 2014.

As then, CBP officer, he made illegal cash advance transactions on a travel charge card 28 times in July 2014 and nine times in August 2014, for a total amount of \$6,227.53, according to the indictment.



CONSULAR MEETING

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Acting governor Ralph DLG. Torres meets with Japanese Consul General to the CNMI Hitoshi Kikuchi on Tuesday to discuss the Marianas Visitors Authority's plans for the Japanese tourism market, the ongoing search for the missing Yamada sisters, and the upcoming birthday celebration of Emperor Akihito. The meeting signifies the CNMI's commitment to strengthening its social, economic, and historical ties with Japan.

Man faces 'ice' possession charge

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho

has found probable cause to warrant the filing of charge against Manuel Jones Villagomez, a habitual offender who was arrested for alleged possession of 1.2 gross grams of methamphetamine or "ice."

Camacho found probable cause Tuesday to believe that the 40-year-old Villagomez may have committed the crime



Camacho

of illegal possession of controlled substance. He directed Villagomez to respond to the charge.

Arrestment will be on Nov. 16 at 9am before Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja.

Assistant attorney general Matthew Baisley appeared for the government. Assistant public defender Tillman Clark served as counsel for Villagomez.

According to court documents, three police officers

were conducting a routine patrol along Plumeria Avenue in western Garapan when they spotted Villagomez getting out of a car. One officer saw Villagomez holding what appeared to be a glass tube used to smoke "ice."

The detectives allegedly found two baggies of "ice" in Villagomez's pants pocket and one glass tube in between his thighs.

Police said the crystalline substance tested presumptive positive for "ice." (Ferdie de la Torre)

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Miss Marianas 2015 Jian Joyner is all in smiles while performing on the ukulele for her fellow delegates during orientation at the 2015 Miss International Pageant in Tokyo. Jian was one of the few delegates chosen to perform.

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Joyner competes at Ms. International pageant in Japan

Miss Marianas 2015 Jian Joyner is back on island after successfully representing the Commonwealth at the 55th Miss International pageant in Japan last Thursday.

Joyner joined a total of 70 delegates from around the world to compete for the tiara at the Hiten Ballroom at the Tokyo Grand Prince Hotel.

In the National Costumes segment, which officially opened the annual pageant, Joyner stood among the contestants in an orange sparkling dress, arm cuffs, and a golden crown of rays, representing the islands' beautiful sunsets.

"I had to calm my nerves and remember why I had made it this far, to represent our islands to the best of my ability," said the 21-year-old beauty queen. "This [was] definitely an experience of a lifetime and I now have cherished memories and friends to take along with me. Thank you to all who have given me this opportunity and support."

The crown eventually went to Miss Venezuela Edymar Martinez, with Miss Honduras Jennifer Valle as first runner-up and Miss Kenya Eunice Onyango as second runner-up.

According to Stellar Marianas president Laila Boyer, "it was amazing and inspiring to see Jian on an international stage carrying herself so well and representing our islands with grace and beauty. We are so proud of her."

Boyer, Stellar Marianas secretary Claudine Camacho, Logistics director Laurence Boyer, Jian's mother Yasuko Joyner, her grandmother Toyoko Harada, and a few close family friends attended the pageant to give Joyner encouragement and support.

As soon as Joyner saw her mother and grandmother after

the event, she couldn't hold back her tears.

"All of it just rushed back to me and I was so happy to see my family and friends," she said.

Now back home, Joyner is working on her community projects and hopes to make the connections she made with the other pageant contestants part of promoting the CNMI to the world.

"Before I left for competition, I wanted to help improve our relationship with Japan as a destination. Who would have known I would be roommates with Miss Japan Arisa Nakagawa? It was amazing, symbolic, and worthwhile all rolled into one!" said Joyner. "Now I have a great friend and we can help each other and our island nations reach out to one another and build on the relationship we share. We are the largest generation in the world, even changing the face of the travel industry forever."

Working as a private tutor, Joyner plans to pursue a degree in Psychology next fall semester.

"This experience has really opened me up, challenged me to go out of my comfort zones. I may have stumbled a bit, but I have really become more confident in my choices and know that it is my hard work and determination that will get me far," she said. "Thank you all, once again. It was my honor representing our CNMI."

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For more updates, visit Stellar Marianas on Facebook or follow Joyner on Instagram @missnorthernmarianas. (*Stellar Marianas*)

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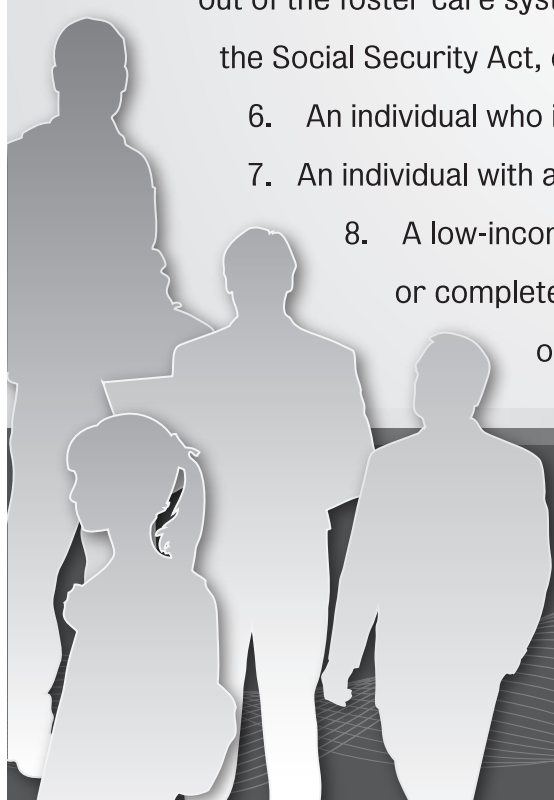
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Good call on Keystone XL

The Keystone XL pipeline project promised to bring thousands of construction jobs to America, but the long-term cost of those temporary jobs would have been steep. Not only would a mammoth pipeline from the tar sands of Canada to the refineries of the Gulf Coast have carried 830,000 barrels of toxic crude oil a day through the U.S. heartland, but it would have encouraged a particularly dirty form of oil extraction that could exacerbate climate change. President Barack Obama's decision last week to deny a permit for the pipeline, after a years-long slog of multiple studies and heated political battles, was the right one.

Supporters of the pipeline have argued that the oil would be produced even if the pipeline weren't built—instead, it would just be shipped by a more expensive method, probably train. The implication is that the main benefit of the pipeline would be to make the price of Canadian oil cheaper and more competitive with the oil sold by Venezuela and Saudi Arabia.

Granted, shipping the oil by train has its own dangers. But while tanker-car derailments typically cause more property damage, pipeline spills generally cause more damage to the environment. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has raised concerns for more than a year that Keystone spills could foul groundwater and wilderness areas. And TransCanada, the company that proposed building the pipeline, has a particularly poor record when it comes to pipeline construction.

And now there is good reason to doubt whether the oil will be extracted, with or without the pipeline. Low oil prices stopped Royal Dutch Shell PLC's plans for drilling in Arctic seas, and because the production cost of the tar sands oil would rise without the pipeline, it's possible the oil won't be worth extracting, or that less of it will be produced. At times over the last year, oil prices have dipped to the point at which the oil production wouldn't be worthwhile to the company even with the pipeline.

If the United States didn't get to produce or use the oil, what would the benefit have been? There would have been a considerable number of jobs involved in building the pipeline, but a State Department study found that the project would have created only 35 permanent positions. Meanwhile, the pipeline itself and its dangers would have remained with the country for years.

Whether or not the president's decision reduces Canadian tar sands extraction, it takes an important stand for the safety and quality of drinking water, the health of wilderness areas and the future of the world's climate. An ever-more-desperate push to produce fossil fuels to burn will not get the world where it needs to be on its biggest environmental threat.

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‘Star Wars’ Rebel Alliance: Freedom fighters or terrorists?

Americans love a good conspiracy theory. Oliver Stone's "JFK" was nominated for eight Academy Awards. "Truther" 9/11 documentaries have millions of hits on YouTube. Presidential candidate Donald Trump was a famous proponent of the view that Barack Obama is not an American citizen.

Now, with the latest in the "Star Wars" franchise, "The Force Awakens," about to be released, conspiracy theories about a galaxy far, far away are flying around like a swarm of buzz droids.

The last month has seen articles arguing that the Jedi are actually bad guys, that the genocidal destruction of the planet Alderaan by the Empire was "completely justified" and that Luke Skywalker turned to the dark side in his final fight with Darth Vader. (Why Luke urged his father to "let go of his hate" and embrace the good within him, the author did not say.)

Such notions are nothing new. In Kevin Smith's 1994 classic movie "Clerks," the character Randal was bothered by the destruction of Death Star II in "Return of the Jedi." Weren't there thousands of "independent contractors" working on the unfinished battle station, he asked. Wouldn't they have been "innocent victims" of "left-wing militants"?

Randal was suggesting that the Rebel Alliance was a terrorist organization. After all, the rebels were willing to kill innocent people to advance a political agenda.

As an academic ethicist who demands precision in moral judgments, I find this conspiracy theory one of the few worth taking seriously—not least because it helps sharpen our moral reasoning about terrorism in general.

Let's examine what is meant by saying something is an act of terrorism. All terrorists kill innocent people, but not all who kill innocent people are terrorists. The difference lies in the intention of the person doing the killing. If the death of an innocent person was either your goal or the means by which you accomplished your goal, then you're a terrorist. If the death of innocent people was not intended, then you're not (though your action may be morally wrong).

Real-life examples illustrate the difference. In 2004, an al-Qaida-inspired group detonated 10 bombs on four commuter trains during Madrid's rush hour, killing almost 200 innocent people. Compare this with Israel's initial response to Hamas rocket attacks in 2014, a response that killed innocent Palestinians.

By **CHARLES C. CAMOSY**
Los Angeles Times

Charles C. Camosy is an associate professor of theological and social ethics at Fordham University. A more detailed version of this essay appears in the just-released book, *The Ultimate Star Wars and Philosophy: You Must Unlearn What You Have Learned*. Twitter: @nohiddenmagenta. He wrote this for Los Angeles Times.



Though the Israeli response may have been disproportionate, it's a mistake to think of it as terrorism. Israel used TV and radio broadcasts, phone calls, text messages and even leaflets to warn innocent civilians to leave the areas that would be attacked. Israel's goal was to destroy Hamas' offensive capability. Far from targeting civilians, its military tried to warn those who were in the area that attacks were coming.

On the other hand, the Madrid bombers wanted to kill innocents as the means of achieving their objective: pushing Spain's national elections toward candidates who were against the Iraq war. In intentionally targeting innocent people for death, they committed a clearly terrorist act.

Now back to "Star Wars": What kind of act was the rebels' attack on Death Star II? Did they intentionally target the innocent contractors on board? Not at all.

Indeed, suppose the rebels found out that during the battle, the workers were actually on the nearby forest moon during a scheduled day off. Nothing about the rebel mission would have been thwarted. Like the Israelis in their attack on Hamas, the rebels surely foresaw that their assault would probably kill innocent people, but these deaths were not the means by which they accomplished their goal: eliminating the Empire's weapon of mass destruction. It wasn't terrorism.

But just because an act is not terrorism does not mean it is morally good. Lots of people, including me, believe that the Israeli response to Hamas, especially as it accelerated in the summer of 2014, was disproportionate to the evil Hamas had caused. Furthermore, the deaths of Palestinian innocents over the decades, even when unintended, make up a primary reason for the seemingly intractable and globally toxic Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

What about the rebel attack on Death Star II? It wasn't terrorism, but was it proportionate? If the history of the first battle station is anything to go by, the rebels could be confident that an unmolested Death Star II would have been used in a genocidal killing spree, destroying dozens of planets. The rebel attack, therefore, saved billions of lives, and was therefore a proportionate response.

"Star Wars" traditionalists can breathe easy. With due respect to the conspiracy theorists, the rebels are the good guys.

Kantan Pot Sainata

Un` talo`ane sige i suabe na kantan relihion siha hu dan-dan kulan ume`esuetteyu` kampun katma na deskansu pot fatigauyu` ginen chatmaigohu gi paiñge.

Gaige gi un` kanta pot kilu`us gi chagu` hogsu` ni ha signifika pinadese yan pininite gi finapos manfiet na mañgilisyau. `An ta hassun ñaihon, sumen magahet i manadan hogsu` ni debi ta fedos diariu. Todu i tiempu gaige obligasion gi haf` para ta petsige gi hilu` tunas yan propiu na disposision. Ti mapot lau pot mantautau hit mina` matotompu` maseha haye na kilisyau.

Sige i kanta ha sañgan pot sinistenen kilu`us kosake siña ha tulaika un` dia yan korona ginen i lañget. Dañkulu na animu i para un` sustene gumu`ot ayu na kilu`us. Tat pinadesen tautau ti un` hinegse gi fihon i kilu`us. Lau hagu gaige guennau ya hagu solu tumuñgu` sessu haf` siñientemu yan kau sinsiyu sentimentomu. Klaru na gai pinadese i tumuge` i kanta!

Manmetgot siha na palabra mangaige gi kanta ni manmatuge` pot i Saina. Ha afuetsasyu` kumuestiona haf` pinadesen i prohimu(ma) na mañgge` kanta ginagau ausiliu gi Saina. Kau ha totpe mampos triste yan chatsaga ya unu yan solu alibiu i para u gagau ayudu yan bendision i lahen Yuus? Este na dopblada kada unu difirensiau finaposña. Enfin sinsiyu finaisenta gi Saina deste ayu na momentu.

I unu ilelegña na yangin un` pegayu` guine pues siempre unna` falofanyu` ginen este lokue` na lugat. Magahet na taiguine siñienteghu antes de operasion korasonhu tres años malofan. Taya` chatinassoghu fuera ke ileghu, “Saina, unna` fattuyu` mage pot guaha mas malago`mu. Echayu bendision”. Kuattru oras dispues manmatayu` listu para bai kahulu`.

Gi hilu` sensian hinimidde siempre un` soda` ginefsagamu piot `nai un` faisen i Saina na un` pinipet pot chatseguru hau gi kare-

ramu mona. Siempre u gaige gi fihonmu! Un li`e` dispues na mas menos i pinadesimu pot un` hoñge na tai hinekog nina` siñaña yan yinease`ña.

Magahet na maseha ñgai`an ya huhuñgog kantan pot ayu na kilu`us i gaige gi chagu` hogsu` siempre guminen i tatayu` saludu yan onru para i Sainahu! Huñgan, ha representa pinadesen yan pineniten tautau katkuet ora. Tumatachu` gi chagu` hogsu` para unna` fan manhassu hit ni finapos i Sainata yan tod u i tai achaigua na sakrifisioña pot para u kone` hit halom gi rainoña. Guiya humassu hit kumu famaguoña!

Santa Maria Magdalena: Sige i mansabiu maguadog haf` finapos si Santa Maria Magdalena.

ni mampos hihot yan si Jesukristo deste antes de uma-aresta, makastiga, mapunu`, mahafot yan luma`la` ta`lu gi mina` tres dias.

Ti senmegai matuge` pot finapos este na santos soluke un` hagas lepblu ni umesplika dididi` haf` hinanauña gi hilu` faktu na pattisipasioña si Santa Maria Magdalena gi linala` Jesukristo. Ni unu gi manapostolesña tumatiyegue` desteke ma-arresta, masentensia, makastiga, mapunu gi kilu`us yan lumala` gi mina tres dias. Gi tod u este siha na mattiru estaba si Santa Maria Magdalena ni lumi`e` fina`pos Jesukristu.

Hali`e` makondena, masentensia, makastiga, ma-atane yan mapunu` gi kilu`us yan `nai mahafot estake kahulu` gi mina` tres dias. Ni unu gi manapostoles esta guine siha na siniseden Jesuskristu solu si Santa Maria Magdalena.

Ti bai aguagat gi propiu haf` bidaña siha si Santa Maria Magdalena kumu unu gi manapostoles lau pot palao`an na mampos chinanda as San Pedro. Lau deste ayu na tiempu patte fitme palao`an gi kinalamten Jesukristu! Si Santa Maria Magdalena i kumilili` yan kumatga sin finatane` ayu na patte `nai manaigue i dose na manga-

Can the world’s coral be saved?

Two Steps is a perfect snorkeling spot on the Big Island of Hawaii. Black lava rocks step down twice into the clear waters of a small bay where, on a good day, you’re guaranteed to see brightly colored fish and green sea turtles shoaling through myriad forms of coral in shades of brown, green, yellow, pink and purple.

But if you happened to visit last month, you would have found about 30 percent of the corals bleached wedding-cake white.

It’s a sure sign that the ocean is heating up. Overly warm water causes living coral polyps to expel the photosynthetic algae, called zooxanthellae, that give them their varied colors and about 70 percent of their nutrients. If the bleaching lasts too long, the corals starve to death.

All of Hawaii’s coral reefs are bleaching this year, a “really serious problem,” says Sheila McKenna, a marine ecologist at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. And a problem that seems to be accelerating.

With the return of a strong El Nino in the Pacific Ocean and the continued effects of global warming, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has just declared the third global coral bleaching event in history (the first two took place in 1998 during an earlier El Nino and in 2010). Ninety-five percent of U.S. corals, which are mostly concentrated off the coasts of Hawaii and Flori-

da, are likely to be exposed to conditions that can cause bleaching.

Tropical coral reefs cover less than 1 percent of the ocean, but they are home and nursery to 25 percent of all marine species; billions of fish, mollusks and other creatures rely on reefs for their food and shelter. Their beauty generates tourism dollars, and they act as barriers providing storm protection for millions of coastal residents.

Unfortunately, they are especially fragile in the face of pollution, ocean acidification, overfishing and climate change. Most are not expected to survive this century.

There is some hope. Emerging science suggests coral reefs that are fully protected from pollution and overfishing are more resilient to the impact of climate change. That’s one reason a coalition of Hawaii-based groups is calling for an emergency moratorium on the collection of aquarium-trade fish off their reefs.

At the same time, those who care about coral are looking at triage—not every reef will survive.

Wayne Levin, whose underwater photographs can be found in the Museum of Modern Art in New York, recently sent me a distressed email from the Big Island:

“I just returned from a one-month trip to the mainland. ... When I dove at Keauhou (Bay) I was utterly shocked. ... There was an enormous amount of bleached coral. At Honaunau (Two Steps),

Our Padre Hezel’s historical sense walked us through the Spanish mission’s original intent to be a blessing more than a curse, and the observation that the military would do more harm than good. The tragic consequences of the gentle Fr. Vittores and 31 volunteers who intended to bring the Christian mission in the manner that Europe understood pagan islanders of the Pacific, prompted the “Spanish-Chamorro 30-year Culture War” in historical accounts, two months after Padre Vittores made landing. Fr. Fran suggests that neither protagonist side was singularly homogenous.

A culture clash, written in a tract that revisits the “Spanish Chamorro Wars,” is covered in the 700-plus pages tome that Don Farrell produced for PSS to update the text we used in 6th grade class at SVES. Don was in the audience, along with former members of the sponsoring Humanities Council board who served when I was a member, including *Refahuwasch* Lino Olopai, legal luminary Robert Torres, NMC regent Elizabeth Rechebei, and the ever-vivacious Lynn Tenorio. Current NMHC executive director Scott Russell introduced Fr. Fran and Honora Tenoria staffed the registration table.

Fr. Hezel met the faithful of the CK RC Wednesday. He explored with the faithful the theological significance of the start of the mission, a direction I might have pushed further had I the chance to ask Fr. Hezel to speak more as a creature of 2015 rather than the distinguished MicroSem scholar poring over ancient documents. In fact, our reflection title is on the being of the man rather of the roles he played and the litany of accomplishments in his name.

To ground us on the personal level, I met Fr. Fran in Truk (now Chuuk) more than 30 years ago when I was a member of the brief development “blue shirts” in the Marshalls, at Xavier High School,

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Special to the Saipan Tribune



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choñgña si Jesukristu!

Nobena: Un` talo`ane, mattu i amku` gi gima` yan un` kanastran nobenan mañantos siha. Ayu fino`ña i para bai tutuhon manayuyot. Hu atan ya ileghu na unu kasi na santos kumu patron familiaghu, paire. Gi bandan mame si St. Jude. Kulan i pution siha gi lañget ayeg unu ni ilegmu bonita para hagu mismu. Ti siña na para tod u!

Huñgan, i mañantos siha guaha un` patte gi linala` niha mina` afamau yan sinantusan ennau na santos. Gi as St. Jude ayudu gi mansala` siha na kausa. Guiya solu sinede ni Saina manbendise ti amtiyon na kausan hinemlu` siha. Hu ayeg pot gumai problema un` tiempu un` patgonhu ni sumen malañgu. Ha bendise yan ha gachuñge ham pot mas ke dies años segidu guihe na tiru. Si Yuus Maase patronhu!

Pot primet biahe `nai huli`e` haf` fuetsan Yuus `nai ni mona ni tatte appenas esperanza `nai sumen popble siñienteghu ya kulanyu` mayute` gi halom taduñg na sabana. Makat na karera ya i tinayuyot yan inañgoghu gi Saina kumonduseyu` tatte gi regulat na modun lina`la`. Na guaha tiempu umabiba adelantun linala` espírituat pot satbasion miyu mismu!

By DAVID HELVARG
Los Angeles Times



David Helvarg, executive director of Blue Frontier, is the author most recently of Saved by the Sea: Hope, Heartbreak and Wonder in the Blue World. More of Wayne Levin's photographs can be viewed at waynelevinimages.com.

it was even worse. Almost all the beautiful plate coral along the drop-offs was bleached. Yesterday I dove Ho`okena (Beach) and all the cauliflower and antler coral was bleached. I was completely blown away. ... When I left in mid-September all seemed fine. When I returned in mid-October complete devastation.”

Come December and the U.N. climate summit in Paris, our choices for the future will become as starkly black and white as Levin’s photographs of Hawaii’s bleached corals. We can stay on our present path of multiplying disasters or adopt that most basic of survival axioms: If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Francis X. Hezel, SJ

I listened to our Micronesian Jesuit at Charley’s Cabaret Tuesday night relate the beginnings of the Church in the Marianas. My Protestant colleagues will, of course, argue that the Jesuit father was referring to the Roman Catholic Church, which to them is hardly «church.» Won’t get into that debate. *Ecclesia*, the household of God, is a very comprehensive category, not limited to the Christian understanding.

In fact, the *Pinoy* “bahala na” that fits the Spanish sense of *que sera sera* (what will be will be) was originally derived from a providential reliance on “Bathala na” akin to the Islamic *Anshallah*, and my evangelical friends’ “God will provide.”

Pagan in Myanmar, and Pagan in the *Rafahuwasch* Northern Islands, are probably from the same language stream, made a geographical term before our European colonizers turned them into hostile or non-conversant infidels in the Christian belief system. This is not unlike the word “Asia,” its etymology derived from Europe’s designation of the area beyond them to mean, “that which is not Europe,” the landmass from Asia Minor to the Urals of the tsar and east to the Pacific.

We appreciated the Father’s historical sense of balancing the “violent conversion” (e.g., Hispanic Quiroga on the recalcitrant locals) on the one hand, and the opposite notion that a stranded Choco (whose ancestry might have traded with the islanders before Spain came) fanned the rumor that the padres murdered children with their rites of baptism using water that was allegedly poisonous.

and had watched his scholarship unfold.

As creatures of 2015, we partook of what has since been dubbed as the “earthrise consciousness,” a consequence of the 1968 Apollo photo of the Earth rising on the lunar horizon, which addressed our separate national and colonial identities into the unity of a global citizenship. An “earthbound commitment” followed the consciousness that fueled such preoccupations as the health of the planet in light of climate change, the balancing of the social process as economic corporations make the political and cultural subservient to monetary allegiances, and profound humanness a willful option to everyone.

Theology is clothed in the metaphor of the eternal realm and Ptolemaic storied cosmology rather than the sociological reality of shrine-like functions of skulls in many Austro-Polynesian homes, to wit, it points to the symbolic power of our innate human profundity, an other world in the midst of this world, rather speculations of a world beyond this one from which we escape with the help of a savior like Moses, Jesus, Mohammed, and the papal *Laudato Si`*.

We had previous eras of giants; it is time to praise the ordinary. Fran Hezel is on my list!

Thus, my push for profound humanness for those who deign to choose, and not revert to the automatic mode of *bahala na*, the previous era’s metaphors of transcendence, immanence, and piety notwithstanding.


OK, we’ve gone a little abstract here, and that’s why the physicality of a sandal-thong memory-challenged Jesuit before a Charley Cabaret audience resonated authenticity more than all the angels in heaven, IMHO.

Jaime R. Vergara
Fina Sisu, Saipan

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲88° ▼77°


FRIDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲88° ▼77°


SATURDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲88° ▼77°


SUNDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲88° ▼77°

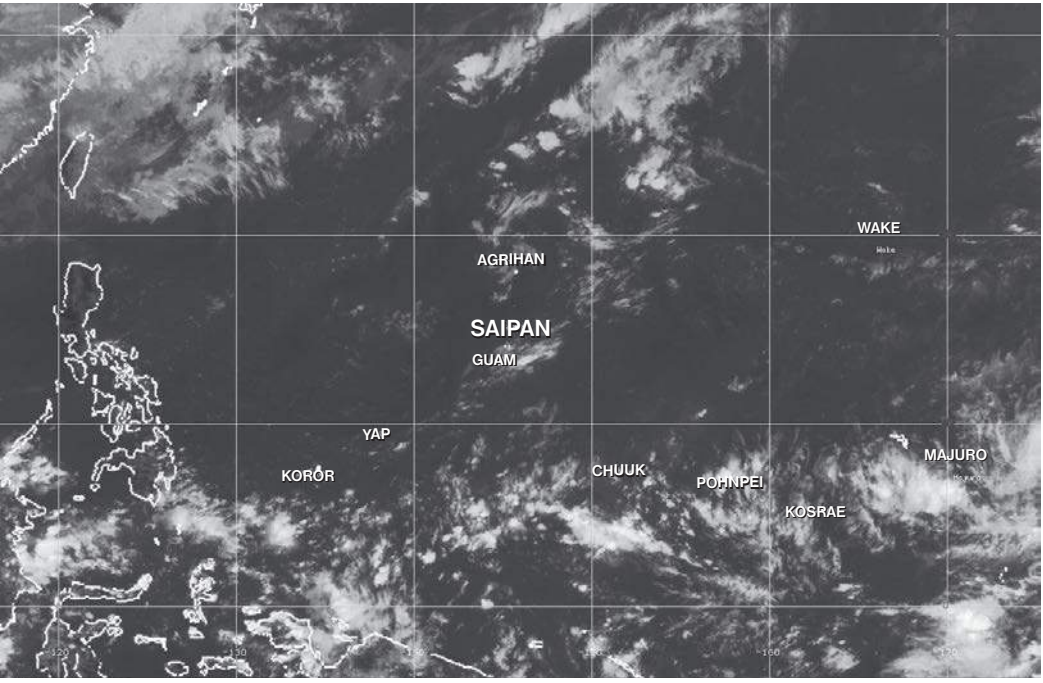
MONDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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Yesterday's Satellite Image




PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2015
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A near-equatorial trough runs eastward from 1N130E to around 1N141E and from the equator around 156E to a weak circulation near 5N175E before continuing east-southeastward to around 3N180. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms along and just north of the trough are found well south of Koror and Yap within 100 miles of a line from 5N130E to EQ138E. More showers are observed west of Chuuk within 100 miles of a line from 4N142E to 6N148E to 2N157E. The weak circulation is triggering more scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between 3N and 8N from 157E to 172E and between 3N and 11N from 172E to 180. An upper-level trough stretches southwestward from 25N151E to 17N147E. Isolated thunderstorms are found south of the trough within 60 miles of 13N146 south and west which is near Guam and north of 19N from 144E to 155E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80
Around the Globe			
Auckland	Sunny	▲66	▼49
Beijing	Cloudy	▲52	▼37
Hong Kong	Showers	▲81	▼73
Honolulu	Windy	▲85	▼74
London	Mostly Cloudy	▲59	▼50
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲77	▼51
Manila	Sunny	▲94	▼75
Melbourne	Showers	▲69	▼53
Miami	Thundershowers	▲86	▼75
New York	Showers	▲63	▼52
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼57
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲57	▼45
Pusan	Showers	▲67	▼54
Rome	Sunny	▲70	▼51
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	▲54	▼44
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼50
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼49
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲64	▼51
Washington, DC	Rain	▲64	▼47



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Saipan Harbor			
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8:30 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
2:12 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet
7:22 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
Sunrise/Sunset			
Today	6:17 AM	5:45 PM	
Friday	6:18 AM	5:45 PM	
Saturday	6:18 AM	5:45 PM	
Sunday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM	
Monday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM	
Moonrise/Moonset			
Today	6:26 AM	6:16 PM	
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UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily			UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily		
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota			UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7		
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6			UA2920	12:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota		
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily			UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily		
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily			UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily		
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)						GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)					
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ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)						ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN					
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SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)						SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN					
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OZ628	3:50am	7:40am	Daily			OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7		
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7			OZ625	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6		
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5			OZ627	9:30pm	2:50am+1	Daily		
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6			7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily		
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SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)						BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN					
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SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)						GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN					
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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)						MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN					
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Veterans Day 2015

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CNMI Military and Veterans Affairs Office director Joseph Palacios delivers his opening remarks at the ceremony.



Acting governor Ralph DLG Torres thanks the veterans and their family for their sacrifices in his welcoming remarks.



Various government officials took part in honoring those who fight for freedom on Veterans Day.



Veterans as well as their families and friends gathered at the American Memorial Park to celebrate the special day.



Lt. Col. Gregorio M. Sablan was the keynote speaker at the ceremony.



A wreath of flowers was offered at the American Memorial Park to commemorate the sacrifices of all veterans.



The Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Manta Ray Battalion of the Saipan Southern High School took part in the ceremony.



Torres, Sablan, and other officials offer a wreath of flowers.

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Tinian's Mendiola-Long selected as APEC delegate for US

The CNMI's own Phillip Mendiola-Long has been selected as one of only 25 U.S. delegates chosen from across the nation to represent small and medium sized enterprises at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation CEO and SME Summits being held in Manila, Philippines on Nov. 16-20.

The APEC is a forum for 21 Pacific Rim member economies, including the United States, that promotes free trade throughout the Asia-Pacific region. The U.S. delegation will be led by U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce Bruce Andrews and U.S. Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency National Director Alejandra Castillo.

Initiated by the Philippines in 1996, the APEC CEO Summit is the premier business forum in the Asia-Pacific region. The event hosts global business executives, economic leaders and policy makers, allowing each to engage directly

with APEC economic leaders. The APEC SME Summit will bring together the region's micro, small and medium-sized business entrepreneurs to share success stories of SME innovation and internationalization, as well as to highlight institutional support mechanisms proven to drive innovation-based SME growth. This will be attended by about 1,500 delegates, with 450 attending the SME Conference and more than 1,000 attending the exhibit. The participants will include government officials, ABAC, business students, entrepreneurs, business organizations, and the media.

"I was quite honored to be selected to join the U.S. delegation to Manila for the APEC meetings this next week. Since my 2009 appointment by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce as a District Export Council Member representing Hawaii and the Pacific, I have been doing everything I can to promote trade and economic investment in the U.S. Pacific



Mendiola-Long

Region. I am confident that it was that advocacy and constant push that got me noticed and selected to join this honorable delegation for the United States," said Mendiola-Long.

Mendiola-Long is the current CEO of Bridge Investment Group, LLC, which is currently building a \$150-million three-hotel resort at Tinian's port. He is CEO of American Northern Marianas Regional Center, LLC, which is an approved U.S. Cus-

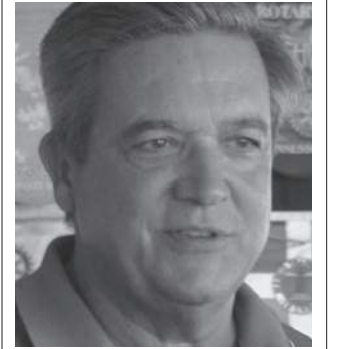
toms and Immigration economic development company; managing member of Sherman Consulting's Asia Pacific Division; and CEO of Tinian Fuel Services Inc. Well known for hosting investment tours throughout Micronesia, Mendiola-Long has been responsible for creating over \$200 million in new developments and investments throughout the region.

Mendiola-Long will be joining a 25-member U.S. delegation which consists of representatives from the White House Initiative on Asian American and Pacific Islanders, U.S. SME's that are export-ready or currently exporting to APEC economies, as well as trade organizations with export-ready members and other federal government officials. The key focus of the U.S. delegation will be to explore and promote opportunities to expand U.S. exports within the Asia-Pacific region. "One of my goals is to inter-

act with as many other country delegates as possible. It is important for me to share the countless opportunities that the U.S. Islands in the Pacific offer to the rest of the Asian countries. The U.S. Pacific Islands serve as a great home base for U.S. companies seeking trade with Asia and also with Asian countries seeking to trade with the United States. Whether it be proximity, our U.S. legal structure or our access to markets, the U.S. Pacific Islands stand as a beacon for fair trade opportunity in the Asian Pacific region. Once I can get them to the islands, our opportunities, our people and our spirit sell itself" Mendiola-Long said.

The APEC CEO and SME Summits will be held from Nov. 16 to 20 in Metro Manila, Philippines. More information about the APEC events can be found here: <https://apec2015ceosummit.ph/> and <http://apecsmesummit2015.com/>. (**Bridge Investment Group**)

Rotary inducts IT&E CEO John Compton



Compton

By DAISY DEMAPAN
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REPORTER

IT&E chief executive officer John Compton was inducted into the Rotary Club of Saipan Tuesday during its weekly meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

According to Rotary president Curtis Dancoe, the club continues to admit into its membership individuals who are interested in accepting the mission of Rotary.

Compton was accepted into the Rotary Club of Saipan under the sponsorship of charter member and past president David M. Sablan.

In expressing his gratitude, Compton said he has been "interested in joining [Rotary] since I arrived [on Saipan] in September. I have a genuine interest both at a professional level and personal level of seeing my company be more involved in Saipan and in the community to make it better... so if I can be of any service... I'd be more than happy to help."

Dancoe recognized Compton as a worthy representative who possesses the qualities that exemplify the spirit of Rotary in both his professional and personal accomplishments.

Compton has extensive experience in telecommunications and served as a director of network systems for Redstone Technologies in Florida and as a partner for the Newport Board Group of board directors and senior executive leaders with deep knowledge of business and strategy, operations, and capital markets before joining IT&E as its CEO.

Last month the club also inducted to its ranks Imperial Pacific vice president for corporate services and communications Tao Xing, constructions operations manager of Triple J Saipan Mario Valentino, retired engineer Steven Connor, Imperial Pacific public relations director David Largent, Micronesian Legal Services Corp. executive director Lee Pliscou, and Imperial Pacific corporate vice president Mary Mendoza.

NMIS students shine at PGFC competition



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Northern Marianas International School students and teachers have their picture taken after taking part in the Primary Grade Forensic Conference competition on Nov. 7, 2015, at Chacha Oceanview Middle School in Kagman.

Northern Marianas International School students gave excellent performances at the Primary Grade Forensic Conference competition held Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015, at Chacha Oceanview Middle School in Kagman.

The NMIS management would like to extend their warm congratulations and appreciations to all the students, parents, guardians, teachers, and staff who continuously support the school for this event.

Students from Kindergarten to fifth grade from private and public schools competed in fo-

rensic arts such as public speaking, reading, dramatic, and humorous interpretations.

"My hat's off to all our teachers and staff. They are working very hard and sacrificing their time and talents to give the best for our students," said NMIS vice principal Jener A. Pineda.

K-2 DIVISION

1st Place in Reader's Forum A: Rein Laurel Vuelta

1st Place in Reader's Forum MB: Annieskha Arreza

2nd Place in Dramatic Interpretation: Jener Franz Pineda

2nd Place in Reader's Forum

MB: Patricia Lugtu

3rd Place in Reader's Forum A: Althea Quimsing

3rd Place in Reader's Forum B: Ashley Perez

3rd Place in Impromptu C: Patricia Lugtu

3rd Place in Choral Speaking A: Hyacinth Gail Lobo, Althea Quimsing, Mary Razzielle Sobremisana

4th Place in Reader's Forum B: Dindo Ferrer Jr.

4th Place in Choral Speaking B: Lilia Angelica Brien, Keylie Ann Claveria, Alysha Skye Fejeran

5th Place in Impromptu A:

Annieskha Arreza

5th Place in Impromptu C: Donevlyn Fejeran

5th Place in Choral Speaking: Angela Yang, Christian Tenorio, Gabriella B. Inos, Margarette Claveria, Jener Franz Pineda

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Business

Toys have best year in a decade



AP
In this Sept. 29, 2015, photo, Kenzie Nakamoto, 4, plays with toys from Hexbug at the TTPM Holiday Showcase in New York.

NEW YORK (AP)—Toys are staging a comeback.

The U.S. toy industry is expected to have its strongest year in at least a decade after several years of kids choosing video games and mobile apps over Barbie and stuffed bears.

Annual toy sales are projected to rise 6.2 percent to \$19.9 billion in 2015, according to The NPD Group Inc., a market research firm that tracks about 80 percent of the U.S. toy market. That's up from a 4 percent increase last year, and the biggest increase in at least 10 years since the group has tracked toys using its current system.

The increase factors in brisk sales during the final quarter of this year, when sales are expected to be up 5 percent to \$9.6 billion, a stronger pace than last year's 3.6 percent gain.

The growth is being fueled by increasing popularity of collectibles, toys based on Hollywood blockbuster films and better technology that allows toys to do things like talk back to children. It comes after sales slowed and sometimes declined in the past 10 years as children—much like their parents—became more enthralled with technology.

Now, toymakers are using chip technology, which is getting cheaper and more powerful, in toys. They're also focusing on grabbing the attention of the long-ignored but increasingly influential preteen crowd.

"The selection is much greater than in the past," said Jim Silver, editor-in-chief of TTPM, an online toy review site. "Technology is much better in the toy aisle, and it's really inspiring young kids to play but also bringing older kids to things like radio control and role play items."

What's giving toys a boost?

HOLLYWOOD

Surging demand for all things "Frozen" helped the toy industry achieve a rare gain last year. Toys related to the blockbuster about a princess who sets off to

find her sister with icy powers were popular. In fact, "Frozen" was the top toy brand last year, reaching \$531 million in sales, according to NPD.

And the Hollywood infatuation is expected to continue with the release of the "Star Wars" movie on Dec. 18: Hundreds of products, from puzzles to action figures related to "Star Wars," are expected to exceed Frozen's success.

Marty Brochstein, who's with the International Licensing Industry Merchandisers Association, says the \$199.99 Light-Saber from Hasbro, which features motion sensor-controlled sound effects, already are on backorder. He says "Star Wars" appeals to both kids and adults. "It's multi-generational," Brochstein says.

Hasbro, the nation's second largest toy company, reported a jump in second-quarter profit last month, helped by toys related to "Star Wars."

Hasbro has the major merchandising licensing rights to make Star Wars toys from now until 2020. It's also teaming up with Walt Disney Co.'s consumer products division to make "Frozen" dolls in 2016. That deal froze out Mattel, which sells the dolls based on "Frozen" characters.

Toys R Us' new CEO David Brandon says the retailer is placing big bets this holiday season on brands like "Star Wars" to help boost sluggish U.S. sales.

"It will be very interesting to see at the end of the holiday season where the growth comes from. And how much growth there is," Brandon says.

BETTER TECHNOLOGY

Toy companies are pushing remote controlled cars and droids controlled by smartphones. And robotic creatures are becoming more life-like with voice recognition features.

Hasbro's StarLily My Magical Unicorn, for example, responds to voice and touch with more than 100 sound and motion combinations. Mattel, the na-

tion's largest toy company, also is hoping technology will help it reverse years of slumping sales.

"You want to make sure that you give them enough that they're going to want to walk away from their iPads and phones," said Mattel's Executive Vice President Geoff Walker.

Mattel's new Barbie features speech recognition and can have a two-way conversation with girls. And its Fisher-Price brand has "Smart Bear," an interactive plush bear marketed as having the brains of a computer without the screen—and is linked to a smartphone app. Fisher-Price also is pushing a robotic dinosaur.

"The best thing about it is that it shoots from the front and it shoots from the back," says Matthew Fic, a 6-year-old who recently played with the toy.

TARGETING THE PRETEEN SET

The 8- to 12-year old group accounts for 22 percent of toy sales, according to NPD, but has been ignored because they're the biggest users of mobile devices.

Now, toy makers believe they can keep older kids' attention because features like voice recognition are more affordable.

For example, Spin Master's Meccano Meccanoid G15 allows kids to build and program their own personal four-foot-tall robot that records and plays back audio and it learns from them. It has more than 1,200 parts and features 64 megabytes of memory.

And Hasbro spiffed up its Nerf gun to cater to the 14-plus crowd. Nerf Rival shoots balls 100 feet per second. Think paint ball meets Nerf.

Still, it could be a hard sell.

"It's fun. But I don't know how long I would play with this until I got bored," said Jackson Roberts, 14, from Manhattan, referring to Nerf Rival. On Roberts' holiday wish list: a 3-D printer and a droid that takes pictures.

Nation

Owner: 9 aboard business jet in deadly Ohio building crash

AKRON, Ohio (AP)—A small business jet whose owner said it was carrying nine people crashed into an apartment building with a huge bang on Tuesday, shaking furniture in homes several blocks away. Authorities hadn't confirmed how many people were aboard but said there were at least two deaths and they didn't expect any survivors.

Investigators were trying to determine how many people were on the 10-seat Hawker H25 jet, but confirmed two deaths early on, said Lt. Siergie Lash, an Akron fire department spokeswoman. No one was inside the small brick apartment building or another home that caught fire, she said.

Plane owner Augusto Lewkowicz said two pilots and

seven passengers were on the flight. He said he had talked to investigators and was trying to contact families of the victims.

The jet, which took off from Dayton, had planned to land at Akron Fulton International Airport, about 2 miles from where it crashed. It clipped a utility wire on the way down and burst into flames and disintegrated after impact, Ohio State Highway Patrol Lt. Bill Haymaker said.

The plane then hit an embankment beyond the apartment building, causing a nearby house to also burn, he said. There were no known injuries on the ground, he said.

Witnesses reported hearing explosions when the plane hit.

"I heard a big bang, and my couch shook twice," said Car-

rie Willis, who lives several blocks away.

The front of the two-story apartment building was destroyed.

A woman who lives about a block away and was driving home with her grandson at the time said she saw the plane crash into the building and burst into flames.

"This plane just dropped out of the sky, veered and crashed into the apartment building," Roberta Porter said.

She said it's scary to think that if she had been driving faster the plane may have clipped her car.

Another witness, Jesse Moon, told WEWS-TV that he was six blocks away when the plane went down and he ran over to the area.

Before protests, U. of Missouri saw decades of race tension

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP)—This week's events at the University of Missouri seemed to unfold rapidly, with little warning. But some students, faculty and alumni say the protests and sudden resignation of the president and chancellor are the culmination of years of racial tension on the state's flagship campus.

The history of racially charged incidents dates back generations.

When the university denied admission to black law school applicant Lloyd Gaines, the issue led to an influential 1938 Supreme Court decision that helped pave the way for the civil rights movement.

Three decades later, during the unrest of the late 1960s, the Legion of Black Collegians emerged at Mizzou to press for increased minority representation among students, staff and faculty—a goal student pro-

testers say remains unmet.

And the 2011 suicide of black swimmer Sasha Menu Courey after she was allegedly raped by several football players led some to question the campus commitment to investigating sexual assaults.

"Who built this university?" asked student government President Payton Head. "Who was building buildings in 1839" when the school was founded?"

"Slavery wasn't abolished until 1865," Head said. "But we don't talk about that history here at the University of Missouri."

Head's social media accounts of having racial slurs shouted at him from a passing pickup truck helped spark a renewed protest movement at Missouri that culminated Monday with the resignation of university system President Tim Wolfe. Hours later, the top

administrator of the Columbia campus, Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin, was forced out.

Other students—and some black professors—describe similar threats, from being targeted with slurs to tense confrontations with campus police over seemingly innocuous matters for which they say their white counterparts receive far less scrutiny.

"It's an inevitability," said Delan Ellington, a senior history and anthropology major from Chicago. "I felt lied to. I was led to believe this is a very inclusive campus."

Journalism professor Cynthia Frisby said she was spat at while jogging several months ago by a driver who displayed a Confederate flag on his truck, extended his middle finger and called her the n-word. Frisby said she was referred to in the same way by fellow faculty members.



ACROSS THE NATION

Police: 8-year-old charged in beating death of 1-year-old

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—An 8-year-old boy is being charged with beating a 1-year-old girl to death while they were left home alone as their mothers went to a nightclub, Alabama police said Tuesday. The boy beat and killed 1-year-old Kelci Devine Lewis when she wouldn't stop crying, Birmingham police spokesman Sean Edwards said. The mother of the toddler, 26-year-old Kattera Lewis, also is charged with manslaughter, he said. "This is by far one of the saddest cases that I have witnessed and been a part of since I became a police officer," Edwards said.

"This type of irresponsibility on behalf of a parent is totally unacceptable." Police said a murder warrant has been obtained for the boy, who is now in the care of Alabama's child welfare agency, the Department of Human Resources. His case will go through the family court system. There is no minimum age for prosecution in Alabama, said Tobie Smith, of the Legal Aid Society of Birmingham.

Man convicted in Jewish site killings is sentenced to death

OLATHE, Kan. (AP)—A judge followed a jury's recommendation and sentenced an avowed anti-Semite to death Tuesday for the fatal shootings of three people at Kansas

Jewish sites. Johnson County District Judge Thomas Kelly Ryan imposed the sentence for Frazier Glenn Miller Jr., who was convicted of one count of capital murder, three counts of attempted murder, and assault and weapons charges for the April 2014 shootings in suburban Kansas City. The same jury that convicted him in August recommended that Miller be sentenced to death. "Your attempt to bring hate this this community, to bring terror to this community, has failed," Ryan said sternly before sentencing Miller to die by lethal injection. "You have failed, Mr. Miller." Upon Ryan's announcement, Miller yelled "Heil Hitler" and was removed from the courtroom.

Asia

Myanmar's Suu Kyi wins seat but presidency out of reach

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—Myanmar's opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi has won her parliamentary seat, official results showed Wednesday, leading a near total sweep by her party that will give the country its first government in decades that isn't under the military's sway.

Suu Kyi, however, will not become the president, at least not for now, because of a constitutional hurdle inserted by the junta when it transferred power in 2011 to a quasi-civilian government. And while Myanmar's people voted overwhelmingly to remove the military-backed party from power, it's also clear that the military's involvement in this Southeast Asian nation's politics would not end.

"Sunday's poll does not mark democracy's triumph in Burma," said Ellen Bork of Foreign Policy Initiative, a Washington-based think-tank. "Over the past

few years, it has become obvious that the military and its political proxy (the ruling party) were not actually interested in a democratic transition that required them to relinquish their power."

The military, which took power in a 1962 coup and brutally suppressed several pro-democracy uprisings during its rule, gave way to a nominally civilian elected government in 2011—with strings attached.

The army installed retired senior officers in the ruling party to fill Cabinet posts and granted itself constitutional powers, including control of powerful ministries and a quarter of seats in the 664-member two-chamber Parliament. In a state of emergency, a special military-led body can even assume state powers. Another provision bars Suu Kyi from the presidency because her sons hold foreign citizenship.

Right now, though, the focus is on the stunning, if not yet official, victory of Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party over the ruling Union Solidarity and Development Party.

The Union Election Commission announced 63 more results for Parliament's lower house on Wednesday, which included Suu Kyi's name as the victor from Kawhmu, which is part of Yangon state.

It said she won 54,676 votes without giving more details of how many the losing ruling party candidate won or how many eligible voters were in the constituency.

Of the remaining 60 seats, the NLD won 56 seats, and USDP won three.

That brings to 135 the number of seats won by NLD out of the 151 lower house seats announced so far. For the upper house, the NLD has won 29 out of 33 announced.

China to PH: No sea feud talk at APEC summit

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—China's top diplomat asked the Philippines Tuesday not to raise contentious issues—an obvious reference to the Asian neighbors' territorial spat—in an annual economic summit of Asia-Pacific leaders in Manila next week, a Filipino official said.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi's request, relayed to his Philippine counterpart Albert del Rosario during talks in Manila, underscored Beijing's objection to any effort to bring the long-raging disputes to an international arena, where rivals like Washington could use it to criticize Beijing.

Non-inclusion of the thorny topic would also shield Chinese President Xi Jinping, who is expected to attend the Nov. 18-19 Asia-Pacific Economic

Cooperation forum in Manila, from a potentially embarrassing confrontation.

"They said they hope that contentious issues will not be raised during APEC," Department of Foreign Affairs spokesman Charles Jose said in a news conference, when asked if the disputes were discussed in Wang's hour-long talk with del Rosario.

Wang also mentioned that his Manila visit was to ensure that Xi's visit "will be smooth, safe and successful," Jose said.

Wang also met President Benigno Aquino III in the first visit by a top Chinese official to Manila since the two Asian neighbors' relations soured in the last three years due to overlapping claims in the South China Sea, a regional conflict that involves four other Asian governments,

whose leaders are attending the Manila meetings.

The last time a Chinese foreign minister visited the Philippines was in 2009 and Jose said Wang's visit in itself "is an indication that we can move the bilateral relations forward."

Aquino said he welcomed Xi's decision to join the meetings and promised "the warmth of Filipino hospitality," according to presidential spokesman Herminio Coloma.

The Philippines, Jose said, agreed that the meetings in Manila would not be the proper forum to discuss the conflicts, adding that Manila has a pending legal challenge against Beijing's massive claims in the South China Sea before an international tribunal in The Hague.

Maldives president revokes state of emergency early

MALE, Maldives (AP)—The president of the Maldives on Tuesday revoked a state of emergency after less than a week, following widespread international condemnation and concerns about its impact on the country's crucial tourism industry, the government said.

President Yameen Abdul Gayoom declared the state of emergency last Wednesday, citing a security threat following a September blast on his speedboat and the subsequent recovery of weapons and a homemade bomb near his official residence.

The declaration was widely condemned for suspending basic citizens' rights and giving the military and police power to search and arrest almost at will.

Under the emergency regulations, police were allowed to enter and search homes without a warrant, and the rights to

assemble peacefully and travel between the many islands of the archipelago nation were suspended.

Lawmakers voted Vice President Ahmed Adeeb out of office using the regulations. Authorities suspect that Adeeb was behind the alleged attempts on Gayoom's life, and he has been arrested and detained.

Gayoom was not hurt in the Sept. 28 blast aboard his boat, but his wife, an aide and a bodyguard were injured.

The foreign ministry issued a statement Tuesday saying the government had lifted the state of emergency "with immediate effect."

"With the lifting of the state of emergency, all fundamental rights that were suspended have been restored," the statement said.

Attorney General Mohamed

Anil said the president decided to revoke the state of emergency because investigations into the blast and the recovery of weapons and explosives have made good progress. He also said Gayoom had heeded international calls for the declaration to be lifted and wanted to reduce any impact the emergency may have had on tourism.

It is not clear how much of an impact the state of emergency has had on the tourism industry in the Maldives, which is best known for its luxury tourist resorts.

The main opposition Maldivian Democratic Party welcomed Tuesday's move, but said declaring the state of emergency in the first place was political, designed to stop a rally planned for last Friday demanding the release of the party's leader, former President Mohamed Nasheed.

World

Russia calls for a new Syrian constitution in 18 months

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Russia has circulated a document on ending the nearly five-year-old Syrian conflict that calls for drafting a new constitution in up to 18 months that would be put to a popular referendum and be followed by an early presidential election.

The document, obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press, makes no mention of Syrian President Bashar Assad stepping down during the transition—a key opposition demand. It only mentions that "the president of Syria will not chair the constitutional commission."

It calls for U.N. special envoy Staffan de Mistura to launch a political process between the Syrian government and "a united delegation of the opposition groups" on the ba-



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sis of the June 2012 communique agreed upon by major powers in Geneva calling for the establishment of a transitional governing body for Syria with full executive powers, leading

to elections.

Russia's deputy U.N. ambassador Vladimir Safronkov, who expressed regret that the document had been leaked, told The Associated Press: "It's our vision—it's our proposal."

"And of course we are receptive for proposals from the other side. It's just Russian contribution, how we launch a political process ... to make parties work together, government and opposition," he said.

The document was circulated ahead of a second round of talks in Vienna on Saturday among key governments on both sides of the Syrian conflict. De Mistura told reporters after briefing the U.N. Security Council late Tuesday that his message to the 15 members was "one word—momentum."

Fatal Jordan police compound shooting took place in canteen

AMMAN, Jordan (AP)—A shooting rampage at a police training center that killed five people, including two American instructors, took place in a canteen in the compound, the Jordanian government spokesman said Tuesday.

Monday's shooting also killed a South African contractor and two Jordanians who worked as translators for the foreign instructors at the facility. Six people were wounded, including two Americans.

Officials have released few details, but government spokesman Mohammed Momani said Tuesday that the attacker, a Jordanian police captain, opened fire in a dining hall. The assailant was killed by security forces, Momani has said.

Images circulating on social media showed three large pools of blood on the floor of a room with at least two tables, one of them bearing plates of food.

It was not clear if there was a political motive to the shooting spree.

Concern has swirled in pro-Western Jordan over possible revenge attacks by Islamic militants since the country assumed a high-level role in the U.S.-led military campaign against the Islamic State extremist group, which controls large areas of neighboring Syria and Iraq.

The government has not released the name of the attacker. A former parliament member, Suleiman Saed, has said security forces told him a relative,

29-year-old police Cpt. Anwar Abu Zaid, was the assailant. Abu Zaid's family has said he was not an extremist.

The two Jordanian translators were to be buried later Tuesday and Wednesday.

Translator Awni al-Akrabawi, 44, worked at the training center for the past three years and had close ties with his American colleagues, said a relative, Khairallah al-Akrabawi.

Al-Akrabawi, a father of four, had lived in the United States for more than a decade and spoke fluent English, said his relative, a former parliament member. His funeral was to take place Wednesday to enable U.S. relatives to reach Jordan, Khairallah al-Akrabawi said.

Violence returns to Jerusalem after 2-week lull

JERUSALEM (AP)—Two Palestinian boys, aged 11 and 14, stabbed and wounded an Israeli guard on a train who responded by firing and wounding one of them Tuesday. Meanwhile, Israeli security forces killed two other Palestinians who carried out knife attacks, police said, as violence returned to Jerusalem after a two-week lull.

The train attack was reminiscent of a similar case from October when two young Palestinian cousins stabbed two Israelis in east Jerusalem. That case became fodder for the ongoing war of words between the Palestinian and Israeli governments and the trial of one of the attackers began on Tuesday.

In the first attack Tuesday, police said two young Palestinian relatives stabbed a security guard on a train. The guard was moderately wounded and shot

the younger assailant. Passengers subdued the other, police said. The wounded boy was being treated at a hospital.

An amateur video that surfaced on a Palestinian website showed plainclothes Israeli security forces wrestling a young boy, presumably one of the attackers, to the ground and taking off his clothes and shoes. The boy was stripped to his underwear as the security men shouted at him.

Jerusalem had been relatively calm over the last two weeks as the focus of a two-month wave of Palestinian attacks, mainly stabbings, shifted to the West Bank, where Israeli troops have regularly clashed with Palestinian protesters.

Most of the Palestinian attackers have been in their late teens or early 20s. On Tuesday, 13-year-old Ahmed Manasra went on trial before a Jerusa-

lem court over a stabbing last month that fueled a high-profile media war.

Since mid-September, 12 Israelis have been killed in Palestinian attacks, mostly stabbings. Seventy-seven Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire, including 50 said by Israel to have been involved in attacks or attempted attacks. The other Palestinians died in clashes between stone-throwers and security forces.

The latest bloodshed was triggered by unrest at a major Jerusalem shrine revered by both Muslims and Jews, and quickly spread across Israel, the West Bank and the Gaza border. Israel accuses Palestinian political and religious leaders of inciting the violence. Palestinians say the unrest is the inevitable result of nearly 50 years of Israeli occupation and no hope for gaining independence.

Environment

Scientists tinker with evolution to save Hawaii coral reefs

COCONUT ISLAND, Hawaii (AP)—Scientists at a research center on Hawaii's Coconut Island have embarked on an experiment to grow "super coral" that they hope can withstand the hotter and more acidic oceans that are expected with global warming.

The quest to grow the hearty coral comes at a time when researchers are warning about the dire health of the world's reefs, which create habitats for marine life, protect shorelines and drive tourist economies.

When coral is stressed by changing environmental conditions, it expels the symbiotic algae that live within it and the animal turns white or bright yellow, a process called bleaching, said Ruth Gates, director of the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology.

If the organisms are unable to recover from these bleaching events, especially when they recur over several consecutive years, the coral will die. Gates estimated that about 60 to 80 percent of the coral in Kaneohe Bay has bleached this year.

"The bleaching has intensified and got much more serious," said Gates of the coral around the bay. Where they once looked for the bleached coral among the healthy, Gates said her team is now "looking for the healthy individuals in a sea of pale corals."

Gates and her team are taking the coral to their center on the 29-acre isle, once a retreat for the rich and famous and home to television's Gilligan's Island, and slowly exposing them to slightly more stressful water.

They bathe chunks of coral that they've already identified as having strong genes in water that mimics the warmer and more acidic oceans. They are also taking resilient strains and breeding them with one another, helping perpetuate those stronger traits.

The theory they are testing is called assisted evolution, and while it has been used for thousands of years on other plants and animals, the concept has not been applied to coral living in the wild.

"We've given them experiences that we think are going to raise their ability to survive stress," Gates said. She said they hope to see these corals, which will soon be transplanted into the bay, maintain their color, grow normally and then reproduce next summer.

In early October, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said that coral reefs worldwide are experiencing

bleaching, calling the event extensive and severe.

"We may be looking at losing somewhere in the range of 10 to 20 percent of the coral reefs this year," NOAA coral reef watch coordinator Mark Eakin said when the report was released. "Hawaii is getting hit with the worst coral bleaching they have ever seen."

And this is the second consecutive year Hawaii has experienced widespread bleaching.

Scientists say some coral has already fallen victim to global warming. About 30 percent of the world's population has already perished as a result of above average ocean temperatures, El Nino's effects and acidification.

Gates and her team understand the challenges of scalability and time. Having success locally does not necessarily mean they will be able to scale their project to address a massive, global marine crisis before much of the world's coral reefs are already gone.

Tom Oliver, a marine biologist and team leader at NOAA's Coral Reef Ecosystem Division, said the project is scalable with the requisite amount of effort and funding. He said, "the question is not can they do it, it's can they do it fast enough?"

Oliver said that many reef restoration projects struggle because of the cost and time involved with raising standard coral and planting it in the ocean. "Restoration needs to have brood stock that can handle the changing conditions on reefs," he said.

Gates said more research needs to be done before they can begin to address scalability.

In 2013, Gates and her Australian counterpart Dr. Madeleine van Oppen, who does coral research at the Australia Institute of Marine Science, won the \$10,000 Paul G. Allen Ocean Challenge for their proposal to assist coral evolution.

Allen's foundation then asked them for a proposal to fully fund the idea, which they eventually did with a \$4 million grant in June. Allen, who co-founded Microsoft with Bill Gates, has various climate-related projects in his philanthropic portfolio.

Hawaii's Gates said that while the goal of their project is to help coral survive global warming, there is still a need to end human's reliance on fossil fuels and to mitigate the emission of greenhouse gases that cause global warming.

"Even if we stopped all greenhouse gas emissions today, there is still this lag in the atmosphere

where climate change will continue for probably hundreds of years," Van Oppen said. "It's hard to imagine it's not going to get worse."

AP
In this Oct. 23, 2015 photo provided by Vulcan, Inc., Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology researcher Jen Davidson places a tray of enhanced coral onto a reef during a practice run for future transplants in Hawaii's Kaneohe Bay off the island of Oahu.



In celebration of his new life

†Edward Songao Hocog

Born to Life on April 5, 1967
Called to his Eternal Life by our Dear Lord
On Monday, November 9, 2015

In His New Life, He now Joins His:

MOTHER: †Ana Songao Hocog
SISTER: †Rita Hocog Inos
NIECE: †Ana Blossom Inos Macduff
UNCLES & AUNTIES: †Domingo Quintilla,
†Ignacio S./Dolores B. Hocog,
†Milagro H./Lucio M. Manglona,
†Rosa H./David A. Indalecio

His Spirit and Memories will Live Forever in the Hearts of His:

WIFE: Ruby Delacruz Hocog
CHILDREN: Edward Manglona Hocog
Domingo Manglona Hocog/Sherla Mae Sablan & Child
Angie Anna Manglona Hocog/Frankie Muna & Children
Escoanne Delacruz Hocog/ Blairmark Ulloa
Kiana Delacruz Hocog

PARENTS-IN-LAW: Cezar Delacruz/Natividad Delacruz (PI)

BROTHER & SISTER IN LAW:
Cezar Delacruz Jr./Shirley Delacruz & Children (PI)
Victoria Delacruz/Ray Bucu & Children (PI)
Cristobal S. Inos & Child

BROTHERS & SISTERS:
Paterno S. Hocog/Elizabeth Mendiola & Children
Manuel S. Hocog
Pedro S. Hocog/Elizabeth Barcinas & Children
Angel S. Hocog
Elizabeth H. Apatang/Joseph Apatang & Child
†David K/Malua T. Peter & Children

NEPHEWS IN-HEART:
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Derek T. Hocog/Rose A. Hocog

He is additionally survived by numerous nieces, nephews, relatives & Godchildren.

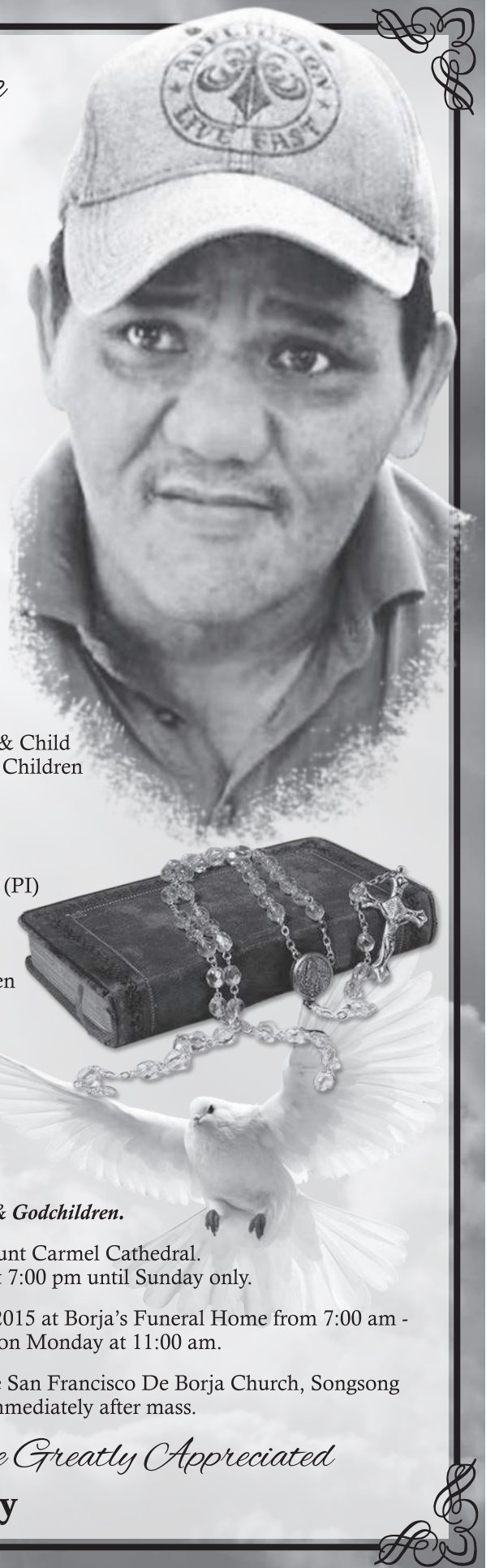
Daily Mass is offered at 6:00 am at Mount Carmel Cathedral.
Nightly rosary is offered at St. Jude church at 7:00 pm until Sunday only.

Public Viewing on Saipan will be on Monday, November 16, 2015 at Borja's Funeral Home from 7:00 am - 9:30 am. His remains will depart Saipan on Monday at 11:00 am.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 am at the San Francisco De Borja Church, Songsong Village Rota. Internment will follow immediately after mass.

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Life & Style

Sexy Victoria's Secret lingerie show hits 20-year mark

NEW YORK (AP)—Some lit up, others were pretty—and patriotic—in pink and still more burst forth like fireworks.

Yes, Tuesday was Victoria's Secret sexpot angel time, though the masses will have to wait until 10 p.m. EST on Dec. 8 to watch the 20th annual lingerie extravaganza on CBS. This was just the taping, including musical performances by The Weeknd, Ellie Goulding and Selena Gomez, after Rihanna abruptly canceled.

Veteran VS walkers like Lily Aldridge and Alessandra Ambrosio were joined by newbie angels, including Martha Hunt and Elsa Hosk. Kendall Jenner and Gigi Hadid were among the non-winged supermodels new to the glitzy show that generates weeks of advance buzz and will be seen in 192 countries by more than 500 million people, according to company officials.

In all, 47 models blew air kisses, flirted on stage with the camera and flipped their varied wings around as they strutted on the runway in 75 looks at a Manhattan armory. But first, there was hair and makeup to be done and a "pink carpet" of celebrity guests to be walked. Questlove and Nick Cannon were on hand, along with a dapper member of the Mets, Matt Harvey, in a black Versace suit.

Caitlyn Jenner was among those who attended the runway show to cheer on daughter Kendall.

Hadid said backstage that she has big respect for the veteran angels and hopes to earn her own wings one day. Brand new angel Rachel Hilbert, from Rochester, New York, was in the Pink USA squad on the runway, and was also in awe of the longtime ladies, including Brazilian beauty Adriana Lima, seated just inches away on a comfy white couch in rollers backstage.

"Uh, yeah, Adriana Lima. She's sitting right there," Hilbert smiled as all wore pink-and-white striped robes, curlers in their hair, while manicures, pedicures, spray tanning and makeup commenced. "She's such a sweetheart. Her advice was just breathe and just take it in."

So how were the nerves for the newcomers?

"Actually, surprisingly, not bad," Hadid said before the show. "I was really nervous in rehearsal."

She shared the stage later with Gomez and Goulding.

"I love both of them," said Hadid, who fell to the floor and gasped in a video of her audition, when she was told she was picked.

As for her famous curves, she prepared with the help of boxing and ballet.

"A lot of sweating and then just focusing on smaller parts because when everything's in high-def you have to not forget about the little things," Hadid said. "I've watched the show my entire life and this has been such a dream."

The show featured sections of '60s boho angels flashing piece signs in



Gigi Hadid walks the runway as Ellie Goulding performs during the Victoria's Secret Fashion Show at the Lexington Armory on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015, in New York. AP

elry company Mouawad in 18-karat gold and encrusted with 6,500 diamonds, blue topaz, yellow sapphires and other precious stones.

Hunt was the last firework, closing the show in another center piece, courtesy of Swarovski, one of the evening's sponsors. It was a corset sparkling with 90,000 gold, red, green and blue crystals. The look, along with her light-up wings, included 20,000 crystals and 1,200 battery-powered LED lights. The battery pack she lugged weighed in at 19 pounds.

"I did practice ... with a trainer. I wore a weighted vest and walked back and forth in high heels," she said.

Hunt's last meal before hitting the makeup chair was eggs. She promised her first after the show would be: "Pizza. ... Pizza is one of my favorite foods. Pizza and pasta."

Gomez, a buddy of previous Victoria's Secret show performers like Taylor Swift, along with some of the walkers, performed on the splashy stage with her dancers as models walked, as did The Weeknd and Goulding.

"I don't know if I could be an angel, I'm not gonna lie," Gomez joked. "I look at how hard they work. I like fried food too much. I don't know if I could give that up."

Lima, marking her 16th year as an angel, said her nerves leading up to each show never really go away.

"It's a little bit tough after so many years because the girls are so beautiful and I have to keep up with them," laughed the 34-year-old mother of two. "I work out as much as I can, and you know, I feel great ... I feel wonderful in my skin."

teeny bras and panties, swinging fringe and showing off wings made of sculptured paper, leather and feathers, including Jenner. Her gal pal Hadid was among a group of exotic butterflies with wings and outfits sparkling with crystals. The patriotic pink group included an American-flagged theme outfit and wings.

This year's iteration of the annual Fantasy Bra was fashioned in bursts of fireworks, the theme for one of the liveliest sections of the show. The demi-bra and matching belt are worth \$2 million and were worn by Aldridge. They were created by the jew-

Elsa Hosk, from left, Candice Swanepoel, Behati Prinsloo, Lily Aldridge and Alessandra Ambrosio walk the runway during the Victoria's Secret Fashion Show at the Lexington Armory on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015, in New York. The Victoria's Secret Fashion Show will air on CBS on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 10pm EST. AP



Joe McKeehen wins World Series of Poker—\$7.68 million

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Pennsylvania poker pro Joe McKeehen never gave up his lead in the World Series of Poker's championship event, and took home \$7.68 million Tuesday night as the victor.

25-year-old McKeehen won when his ace-10 turned into a pair of tens on the flop, ensuring his victory in a face-off with Joshua Beckley of New Jersey who went all-in with a pair of fours.

McKeehen held an overwhelming lead in poker chips coming into the finale and the entire three-day event.

"I thought it was the Joe Show," said ESPN analyst and poker pro Antonio Esfandiari who said McKeehen played nearly perfect poker. "He played great, he ran great, and you can't overcome that combination. He did exactly what he needed to do to not give up the chip lead ever," he said.

McKeehen was characteristically nonchalant in the mo-



ments after winning.

Asked if he had any plans for his \$7.68 million: not yet.

"It was just my days for three days in a row," he said of the ease holding his lead and even-

tually winning.

No limit Texas Hold 'em involves each player getting two cards unseen by the rest of the table and five community cards, the first three on the "flop," the fourth on the "turn," the fifth on the "river," with betting between each.

The championship got its start in 1970 with an invite-only event at Benny Binion's

Las Vegas casino where the men gathered around the table initially chose the winner and has grown to a global contest that attracts thousands of poker players each year.

World Series of Poker tournament events began in May and continued for 51 days with 68 events, culminating with the annual Main Event. It's a grueling multi-day poker marathon

^{AP} Joseph McKeehen poses for photographers after winning the Main Event of the World Series of Poker on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015, in Las Vegas.

that whittled down the competition from 6,420 entries at \$10,000 each to nine players, all already guaranteed at least \$1 million each.

Before returning to the poker stage Sunday, McKeehen held 63.1 million chips, more than twice as many as the man in second. By the end of Monday, he had more than 128 million chips, more than three times as much as the man nearest him.

Players eliminated before Tuesday night's three-person matchup, in order, were 26-year-old Patrick Chan of New York, 25-year-old Federico Butteoni of Italy, 72-year-old Pierre Neuville of Belgium, 23-year-old Tom Cannuli of New Jersey, 37-year-old Ofer Svi Stern and 27-year-old Max Steinberg.

McKeehen sent home six of the nine final players in show-downs over the three days including 61-year-old Neil Blumenfield who went home with \$3.4 million in third place when his pair of two's

couldn't out-do McKeehen's pair of queens.

"I'm not happy with how I played today, but obviously it was a great run. If you had asked me four months ago about finishing third, I would have been very excited about that," Blumenfield said. The former tech executive from San Francisco who started a company and sold it to Intuit in 2013 said he's done with the software business. He was laid off in between early World Series of Poker events during the summer and the Main Event's start which had him weighing the \$10,000 entry, at first.

"There's actually a lot of similarities between startup software and poker. In both cases only the top 10 percent cash, and among that 10 percent only the top one or two really make any money at all," he said.

His departure left McKeehen facing Beckley.

The two played on—sitting between stacks of cash and a prized, pricey, World Series of Poker bracelet encrusted with diamonds and rubies—until McKeehen claimed the final victory, landing a lucky second 10.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Andre Alexis wins Canada's prestigious Giller Prize

TORONTO (AP)—Andre Alexis has won one of Canada's most prestigious literary awards for his novel "Fifteen Dogs." Alexis won the Scotiabank Giller Prize Tuesday for his book about 15 dogs gifted by gods with human traits. The C\$100,000 (US\$75,000) Giller Prize honors the best in Canadian fiction and is the richest prize for fiction in North America. Alexis joked the money will simply get him out of debt as a writer. Past winners have included Margaret Atwood, Mordecai Richler and Alice Munro. The Giller was created in 1994 by businessman Jack Rabinovitch in memory of his late wife, literary journalist Doris Giller. The Canadian Broadcasting Corp. broadcast the glitzy awards show across Canada.

Lady Gaga, Celine Dion added to Sinatra tribute concert

NEW YORK (AP)—Lady Gaga and Celine Dion have been added to the list of performers singing in honor of Frank Sinatra next month. Zac Brown and Harry Connick Jr. will also perform at "Sinatra 100—An All-Star GRAMMY Concert" on Dec. 2 in Las Vegas, the Recording Academy announced Tuesday. Sinatra, who died in 1998 at 82, would have turned 100 on Dec. 12. Previously announced performers include Garth Brooks, Tony Bennett, Carrie Underwood, Alicia Keys, John Legend, Adam Levine and Usher. More performers will be announced at a later date. The taped event at the Wynn Las Vegas Encore Theatre will air as a two-hour CBS special on Dec. 6. The Recording Academy will announce nominees for the 2016 Grammy Awards on Dec. 7.

Rep: Jason Aldean dressed as Lil Wayne for Halloween

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Country star Jason Aldean dressed as rapper Lil Wayne as a Halloween costume, a representative confirmed after a photo surfaced of him wearing blackface makeup and a wig with dreadlocks.

The picture, first posted by the website NashvilleGab.com, showed Aldean dressed in sunglasses, long dreadlocks and gold jewelry. Tyne Parrish, his

publicist, said in an email on Tuesday that Aldean "dressed as rapper Lil Wayne for Halloween," but refused to comment further. A publicist for Broken Bow Records, his label, said they had no comment.

Representatives for Lil Wayne were not immediately available for comment.

Aldean is one of country music's most popular performers, regularly selling out stadiums.

Terminally ill Texas man who saw new 'Star Wars' film dies

SPRING, Texas (AP)—A terminally ill "Star Wars" fan who requested an advance screening of "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" has died less than a week after watching the movie.

Daniel Fleetwood, who had

cancer, had a private screening at his home in Spring, Texas, Nov. 5.

His wife, Ashley, posted on Facebook that he died in his sleep early Tuesday and "is now one with God and with the force."

He was named by the Recording Industry Association of America as the top digital selling male country artist in 2014. His last album, "Old Boots, New Dirt," was certified platinum.

Aldean recently performed at the Country Music Association Awards, where he was nominated for album of the year. He is also nominated for two awards, favorite male country artist and favorite

country album, at the upcoming American Music Awards on Nov. 22.

In 2013, Julianne Hough's decision to don blackface for Halloween to portray her favorite character from the Netflix show "Orange is the New Black" sparked an uproar and drew an eventual apology from the actress, who said she never intended to hurt anyone.

thanks to the film's producers and director, J.J. Abrams.

Cason Monk-Metcalf Funeral Directors say a celebration of Fleetwood's life is scheduled Nov. 21 in Nacogdoches (nah-kuh-DOH'-chihs).

Woman's male roommate wants to be friends with no benefits

DEAR ABBY: I am a divorcee with a problem. My longtime friend "Paul" and I decided to move in together so I could save some money because of my very expensive divorce. The problem is, I think I am falling for him, and I get really jealous when he brings dates home.

When I told him I'm starting to have feelings for him, he said he cares for me, but not in that way. How can I keep my jealousy in check so I don't ruin a good friendship?

OVER THE LINE IN UTAH

DEAR OVER THE LINE: I'm going to take a risk and make a generalization, because there is much truth to it. When couples divorce, one or both partners' self-esteem often takes a huge hit. People often feel vulnerable and in need of someone to love them, make them feel attractive, be a partner to them, etc. Could this be you? Might this have something to do with your resentment of the women Paul is seeing?

Your friend has been no more than a supportive friend at a time when you needed one. If you can't accept it for what it is, then for your own emotional health find another place to live because, even if you're saving money, this arrange-

ment is too expensive.

DEAR ABBY: I have been cooking Thanksgiving dinner for our family since I was in my mid-20s, with little or no assistance from my sisters or sisters-in-law. They typically show up empty-handed but leave with a generous amount of leftovers. Before my mother passed away 12 years ago, she would at least help.

Since my children and their families live out of state and are unable to come this year, I told one of my sisters-in-law I wouldn't be hosting Thanksgiving this year. Abby, she had a complete hissy fit! She insisted it was "tradition" that we have Thanksgiving at my house, and it's something everyone looks forward to. She even said it's not like I don't have the time since I retired this year.

Yes, I have tried delegating. One year, a sister brought a dessert (cookies in a tin) and the other a bag of rolls. Neither one has ever worked outside the home. I'm tired of cooking for two or three days to feed 15 to 20 people. Am I wrong in wanting a break from doing it all?

I'M DONE IN FLORIDA

DEAR "DONE": No. You have a right to spend your

DEAR ABBY

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Thanksgiving any way you wish. Because you didn't mention whether your siblings host Christmas, Easter or Fourth of July celebrations, I'm assuming the answer is no. If that's true, then from my perspective you're at least 12 years overdue for a break. Your sisters and sisters-in-law should have stepped up to the plate and shared the responsibilities you have shouldered alone after your mother passed away, if not before. Shame on them.

Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$14 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet

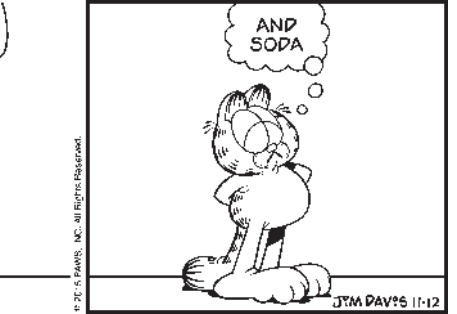
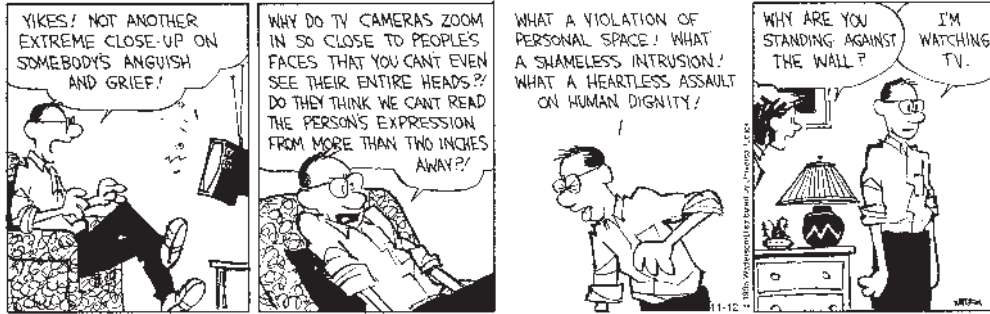
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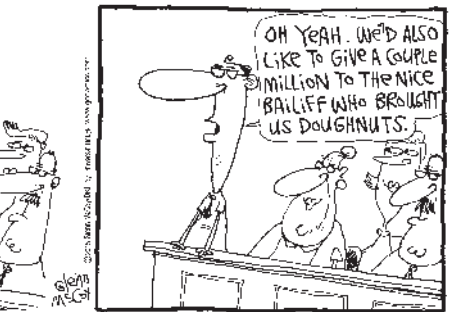
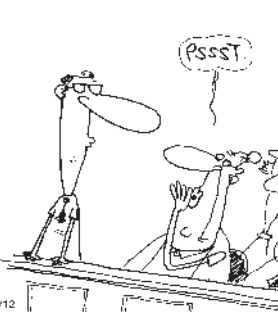
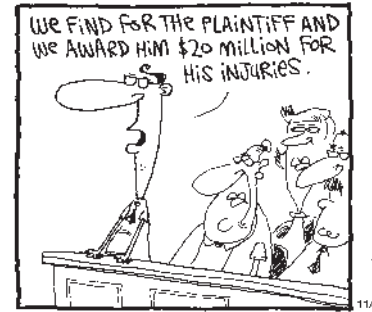
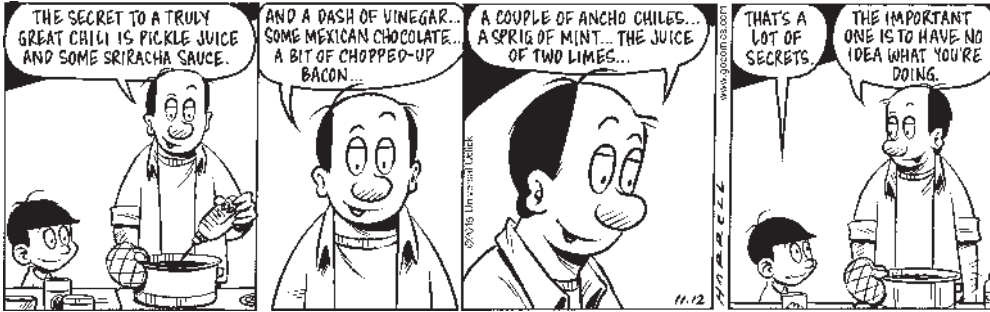


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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Anne Hathaway, 33; Ryan Gosling, 35; Megan Mullally, 57; Neil Young, 70.

Happy Birthday: Leave the past behind you. View your cup as half full and do your best to take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way. You stand to make substantial gains if you are steadfast in your pursuits. Greater stability and the chance to raise your standard of living are within reach. All you have to do is take action. Your numbers are 4, 11, 19, 26, 34, 37, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Initiate what you want to see happen. If you don't take action, you will end up having regrets. Don't leave your future in someone else's hands. Make the changes that will bring you the highest returns. Romance is encouraged. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take control and make decisions that will help you advance. Sign up for a course or check out the online job market. Look for something a little different than what you have done in the past, and it will help expand your options. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Listen carefully and you will avoid a misunderstanding. Emotions will surface and arguments will flare up if you aren't willing to compromise. Try to avoid joint money ventures. Overindulgence will turn into a costly affair. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't bend to someone's whims. Use your intelligence and your excellent memory to outmaneuver anyone trying to take over or sell you something you don't need. Don't be upset if

someone backs out of a partnership. It could be a blessing in disguise. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get physical and enjoy a challenge that gets you moving. A change in routine or surroundings will help your frame of mind. The time you take to distance yourself from domestic problems will enable you to find a workable solution. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Check out what's going on in your community. Chatting with your neighbors or attending a meeting will be satisfying. Express your feelings to your close friends and family members, and try to make a positive difference. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take on a project that will help you improve your health and physical fitness. Knowledge you've picked up through past experience will help you secure your professional future. Romance will lead to a closer bond with someone special. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll be open to suggestions and willing to try new things. Events in your community will bring you in contact with people who can help you expand your interests. Your popularity will grow if you participate. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't pretend that you can do it all if you cannot. You'll be held accountable if you aren't honest about your assessments. Keep the peace by following through with the promises you make. Overindulgence will hurt your image. ★★★★★

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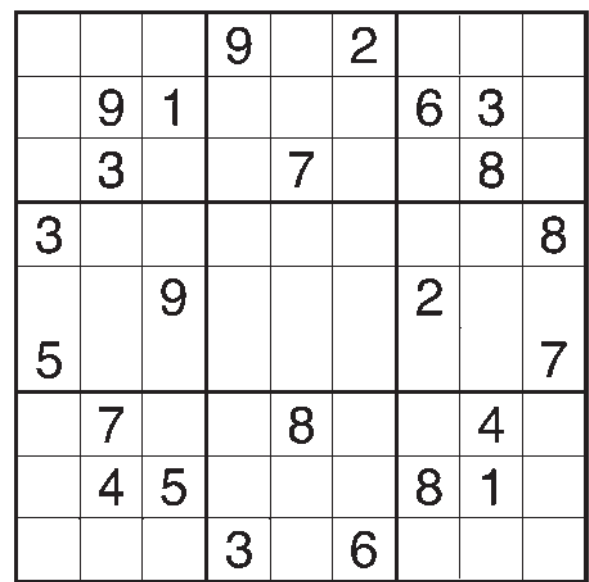
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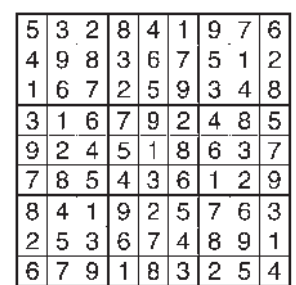


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Durant injures leg; Westbrook leads Thunder past Wiz, 125-101



WASHINGTON (AP)—Kevin Durant drove toward the basket late in the first half Tuesday night, elevated and got fouled. When the play was over, the 2013-14 NBA MVP limped a bit around the court and clutched at his strained left hamstring.

"I came down a little awkward," Durant said, speaking softly in a hallway outside the locker room, "and landed on it a little harder than I wanted to and I pulled it."

After Durant left at halftime Tuesday night because of his injury, Thunder teammate Russell Westbrook took over, compiling a triple-double with 22 points, 11 assists and 11 rebounds to lead Oklahoma City to a 125-101 victory over the struggling Washington Wizards.

Durant missed most of last season with a broken right foot that needed three operations, and Westbrook emerged as the league's scoring champion. A similar scenario played out Tuesday, as Westbrook had 10 points, five assists and three rebounds in the third quarter to build a comfortable lead, then rested in the fourth.

"With Kevin not coming out of the locker room in the second half," Thunder coach Billy Donovan said, "I thought our guys came out with great focus."

Durant, second in the NBA in scoring entering the night, had 14 points and 10 rebounds in the first half. Dion Waiters scored 25 points for the Thunder, who had lost three of their past four games and now are 5-3.

They have a couple of days off now, and Durant didn't sound like someone too worried about missing a lot of time with what he said was his first hamstring problem.

He called it a "small injury" and said he'll have an MRI exam Wednesday.

"I mean, I can walk," he said. "I'm a little sore."

Donovan said: "I don't think it's anything too, too serious."

John Wall had only nine points and five assists as Washington's losing streak reached three games.

Coach Randy Wittman lit into his players at his postgame news conference.

"We're just too soft of a team right now," he said.

"We don't defend," Wittman added. "Guys drive by us at will. We don't have any toughness."

Westbrook dominated for stretches of the third quarter, when Oklahoma City used an early 16-8 run to go ahead 84-58, its biggest margin until then. On consecutive possessions in that period, Westbrook threw down a soaring, one-handed dunk, then moments later hit a 3-pointer and wagged three fingers before pounding his chest.

"We know what we're supposed to do as a team," Westbrook said. "We're trying to play a level that's championship-basketball level, and we took care of business tonight."

Pelicans 120, Mavericks 105

In New Orleans, Anthony Davis scored 17 points before leaving at halftime with a bruised right hip as New Orleans beat Dallas for its first victory of the season.

Davis helped the Pelicans (1-6) build an 18-point halftime lead that never dipped below 14 points even after he left.

Team officials said X-rays on the All-Star forward's hip were negative, but they were holding him out as a precaution.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 18 points for Dallas, which trailed 37-36 after Zaza Pachulia's basket before the Pelicans went on an 18-0 run that began with three straight baskets by Davis.

Cavaliers 118, Jazz 114

In Cleveland, LeBron James equaled a season high with 31 points as the Cavaliers rallied for their seventh consecutive victory.

Cleveland trailed 95-86 midway through the fourth, but James took over and brought the Quicken Loans Arena crowd to its feet with one of his trademark plays.

With the Cavaliers down 95-91, James stole the ball near midcourt and headed to the basket. Rodney Hood wrapped his arms around James, but the four-time MVP made a layup anyway and flexed his bicep as Hood was called for the foul.

James made the foul shot, and Cleveland went on to the win.

Mo Williams scored 29 points for the Cavaliers, who haven't lost since the season opener in Chicago.

Alec Burks led Utah with 24 points while Gordon Hayward and Derrick Favors each added 17.

Knicks 111, Raptors 109

In Toronto, Carmelo Anthony scored 25 points, reserve Lance Thomas had 17 as the Knicks handed the Raptors their first home loss of the season.

DeMar DeRozan had a season-high 29 points for Toronto, while Kyle Lowry had 23 points and nine rebounds.

The victory was New York's third on the road this season after winning just seven times away from Madison Square Garden last year.

The Raptors gave up their highest point total of the season, and it was just the second time in eight games that Toronto had allowed 100 or more points.

The Knicks were 11 for 23 (48 percent) from 3-point range.

Heat 101, Lakers 88

In Miami, Chris Bosh scored a season-high 30 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for Mi-



ami, and Hassan Whiteside had 19 points and 15 rebounds.

Luol Deng scored 14 and Dwyane Wade had 12 for the Heat, who played hours after

trading guard Mario Chalmers and forward James Ennis to Memphis for two players.

Los Angeles played without Kobe Bryant for the first time

this season. Bryant sat out with a back problem.

Nick Young led Los Angeles with 17 points. Lou Williams and Metta World Peace each scored

Heat trade Chalmers to Grizzlies for Udrih in multi-player deal

MIAMI (AP)—Mario Chalmers and Memphis are linked again.

Best known in college for helping beat Memphis in the NCAA championship game, Chalmers was traded by Miami to the Memphis Grizzlies on Tuesday in a four-player deal that helps the Heat move closer to escaping what would be a very punitive tax bill after the season. The Heat also sent little-used forward James Ennis to the Grizzlies, who gave up point guard Beno Udrih and power forward Jarnell Stokes in the deal.

"Rio can hold his head high, leaving on a great note here," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "He'll always be remembered as a two-time champion point guard here in Miami, welcomed in Miami from here on out."

The trade ends months of questions about the status of Chalmers, an eight-year veteran and the starting point guard on the 2012 and 2013 NBA title teams in Miami. His con-

tract seemed one of the most likely candidates to be moved in Miami's quest to escape the repeater tax and have maximum flexibility on the free-agent market next summer.

The trade doesn't get Miami under the tax line, but moves the Heat significantly closer.

"This is a move we feel good about," Spoelstra said. "We feel good about who we're acquiring."

Chalmers was averaging 5.5 points on 31 percent shooting this season for the Heat, and Ennis had been scoreless in seven minutes of action. Udrih averaged 5.9 points in eight games with the Grizzlies, and Stokes was scoreless in four minutes off the bench.

With Chalmers as a starter, including playoffs, the Heat went 292-164. He had many memorable nights with the Heat, including a 25-point effort in Game 4 of the 2012 NBA Finals when Miami took command against Oklahoma City en route to the title, and a 2013 game in Sacramento

when he made 10 3-pointers and finished with a career-best 34 points.

But his biggest shot may still be the one in the final seconds to force overtime in the 2008 NCAA title game, when he and Kansas defeated Derrick Rose and Memphis.

"I always get booed there," Chalmers said before the Heat went to Memphis last season. "Always."

That may change now.

Miami will be Udrih's seventh team. He's also played for San Antonio, Sacramento, Milwaukee, Orlando, New York and the Grizzlies. In a somewhat odd twist, the left-handed Slovenian would figure to help back up another left-handed Slovenian in Miami, with Goran Dragic being the Heat starter at the point.

Besides the financial matters, there were other factors for the Heat. Chalmers at times made clear he wasn't happy with being a backup. And the emergence of Tyler Johnson as a ballhandler on Miami's

Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook goes in for a dunk during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Washington Wizards, Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015, in Washington.

14 for the Lakers, who also got 12 from Jordan Clarkson.

Hornets 104, Timberwolves 95

In Minneapolis, Jeremy Lin scored 19 points and Jeremy Lamb added 18 to lead Charlotte to the road win.

Nicolas Batum added 17 points for the Hornets, who overcame a combined 7-for-21 shooting from Al Jefferson and Kemba Walker to beat the depleted Timberwolves.

Karl-Anthony Towns had 19 points, 13 rebounds and three blocks for the Timberwolves, who played without starters Andrew Wiggins (sore right knee), Ricky Rubio (sore left knee) and Kevin Garnett (rest). Zach LaVine added 20 points, eight rebounds and five assists.

Celtics 99, Bucks 83

In Milwaukee, Isaiah Thomas scored 20 points to power Boston to the victory.

David Lee and Evan Turner each had 13 points for the Celtics, and Jared Sullinger finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Boston's Avery Bradley sat out the second half with a bruised lower left leg. The starting guard was 1 of 6 from the floor for two points.

The Celtics scored 18 of the final 20 points in the third quarter to win consecutive games after losing three in a row.

Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 16 points for the Bucks.

second unit appeared to give the Heat confidence that they could still be effective without Chalmers.

"It is part of the business and it was a move necessary to make because of our crowded backcourt," Heat President Pat Riley said. "We feel that it is in the best interest of Mario and we want him to be successful and be a part of a good team."

Among those on the Heat roster, only Dwyane Wade and Udonis Haslem—both in their 13th season with the club—had been in Miami longer than Chalmers. But those tax realities made him seem expendable and this season's start didn't suggest otherwise. Chalmers was 1-for-11 from 3-point range so far, shooting just 10-for-32 overall from the floor.

Stokes and Richardson were Tennessee teammates in college. Udrih and Dragic have been teammates on Slovenia's national team before, including at the 2006 world championships.

Colts QB Luck out 2-6 weeks with kidney, muscle injuries



INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Two days after celebrating their biggest win of the season, the Indianapolis Colts dealt with their biggest loss.

Franchise quarterback Andrew Luck is expected to miss at least two to six weeks with a lacerated kidney and a partially torn abdominal muscle, injuries he sustained late in Sunday's victory over Denver.

"When you take a hit to a franchise quarterback, it is a tough blow," coach Chuck Pagano said Tuesday. "We've been through a lot in this 2015 season, but I know this will galvanize us even more."

Pagano said he believed Luck was injured in the first minute of the fourth quarter when he tried to scramble for a first down near the Denver goal line. Linebacker Danny Trevathan squared up on Luck from the front while defensive end Vance Walker hit Luck hard on the side of his left shoulder, bending him over awkwardly.

The hit drew immediately drew gasps inside Lucas Oil Stadium. But Luck broke the 17-17 tie on the next play with an 8-yard pass to Ahmad Bradshaw, his second TD throw of the game. He never came out and continued to take some big hits.

Afterward, Pagano said, Luck complained of soreness. When he arrived at the team complex Monday feeling worse, Luck was sent for additional tests that revealed the injuries. Luck is not



AP
In this Nov. 8, 2015, file photo, Indianapolis Colts quarterback Andrew Luck (12) is tackled by Denver Broncos' Danny Trevathan following a run early in the fourth quarter of an NFL football game in Indianapolis.

expected to need surgery. He was not available in the locker room Monday and did not mention any potential injury in his postgame news conference.

The six-week timetable could be aggressive because the Colts will be cautious about bringing Luck back.

"We're going to keep listening to the doctors and evaluating his progress on a week-by-week basis," Pagano said. "We've got

all the confidence in the world in Matt Hasselbeck and we're not going to put Andrew back out there until he's healed and ready to go."

The timing couldn't be worse for Indianapolis (4-5), which was hoping to return to form this week's bye and build momentum with a favorable schedule. Instead, one week after firing offensive coordinator Pep Hamilton and replacing him with Rob Chudzinski, the Colts are now forced into making a quarterback change.

The 40-year-old Hasselbeck takes over, as he did last month when Luck missed two games with an injured right shoulder. Hasselbeck won both.

Indy took another precaution Tuesday by bringing former Monmouth quarterback Alex Tanney back to the practice squad. He spent three weeks in Indy earlier this season, none of it on the active roster. Luck, Hasselbeck and Tanney are the only quarterbacks on the team after Indy released former Wisconsin-Whitewater star Matt Blanchard from the practice squad Tuesday.

"We've got all the confidence in the world in Matt," Pagano said. "Matt will step right in, he will do a great job and we will win football games with Matt."

Hasselbeck was 48 of 76 with 495 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions in his only

action this season, and having a bye week to work with Chudzinski could help make the transition smoother.

Playing behind a struggling offensive line has taken a toll on the Luck this season.

He missed the first two games of his four-year career after getting hurt at Tennessee on Sept. 27. When Luck did return, he still didn't look right. Then last week, he was listed on the injury report with a bad ankle. He started, finished and won Sunday's game, looking more like the promising young quarterback that people expected.

There has been speculation about possible fractured ribs

and a more serious shoulder injury than the Colts first acknowledged.

"We will overcome this and Andrew will make a full recovery and he will be back in the lineup at some point," Pagano said. "But we will overcome."

In the AFC South, the league's worst division, Indy still holds a one-game lead over Houston and has a capable backup to run the show until Luck returns.

"It is one heck of a blow," Pagano said. "You don't want to lose anybody. Our guys will respond, like they always do. We've been through a ton already this season and in the past and we'll get through it."

Cam has Carolina bound for Cali for Super Bowl 50

By **ROB MAADDI**
AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

Superman is going to the Super Bowl.

Cam Newton and the Carolina Panthers don't have to prove themselves anymore. At 8-0, there's no doubt they're the best team in the NFC.

People didn't jump on their bandwagon after the Panthers opened with four wins against four mediocre teams. But they beat the Seahawks on the road, Philadelphia, Indianapolis and Green Bay in the next four games.

A 37-29 win over Aaron Rodgers and the Packers on Sunday was their most impressive win, even though they needed a defensive stand to hold on after nearly wasting a 23-point lead in the fourth quarter.

Carolina has a two-game lead in the race for home-field advantage throughout the playoffs and they're 5-0 at home. So, book those plane tickets to Santa Clara, Panthers fans.

It's time to overreact.

The Panthers are the class of the NFC, for now. They still have tough games ahead. Tony Romo should be back when

they play at Dallas on Thanksgiving. They also have road games at New Orleans, the Giants and Atlanta.

Carolina might have to beat the Packers again in the playoffs and while it would likely be at home, it's tough to bet against Rodgers in that rematch.

Arizona in control

For the second straight year, the Arizona Cardinals arrived at the midpoint of the season in control of the NFC West.

And just like a year ago, the preseason favorite Seattle Seahawks will have their chances over the final eight games to play catch-up on the Cardinals.

The division race kicks into gear this week with Seattle hosting the 6-2 Cardinals, the first of two matchups over the final eight weeks. Seattle may be just 4-4, but can win the NFC West by winning out.

St. Louis sits at 4-4 and saw the emergence of running back Todd Gurley in the first half, while San Francisco hopes the change to Blaine Gabbert at quarterback sparks a late charge that started with Sunday's surprising 17-16 win over Atlanta to get the 49ers to 3-6.

Ex-Dallas RB Joseph Randle gets 4-game suspension from NFL

IRVING, Texas (AP)—Running back Joseph Randle was suspended four games by the NFL under the league's personal conduct policy Tuesday, one week after he was released by the Dallas Cowboys.

The suspension begins immediately even though Randle is not on an active roster.

Randle was already away from the team to deal with unspecified personal issues when he was released by the Cowboys last Tuesday. As a third-year player in Dallas, Randle started the first six games this season.

The NFL had investigated

Randle's arrest in February in his hometown of Wichita, Kansas, though police declined to pursue charges against the running back after a domestic disturbance complaint.

It was the second arrest in four months for Randle, who was detained on a shoplifting charge at a Dallas-area mall when police said he tried to take a bottle of cologne and a pack of underwear from a department store.

He got deferred adjudication in the case from October 2014, and the misdemeanor could be dismissed if he stays out of trouble for the next two months.

Raiders linebacker investigated for alleged K-9 taunting

PITTSBURGH (AP)—An Oakland Raiders linebacker is being investigated to determine whether he illegally taunted a police dog before a game in Pittsburgh against the Steelers.

Television station WTAE in

Pittsburgh says a sheriff's deputy working with the dog Sunday identified the player as Ray-Ray Armstrong.

Chief Deputy Kevin Kraus says a player lifted his shirt, beat his chest and barked at the K-9 before telling a deputy to release

the dog. The deputy didn't release the dog.

He tells The Associated Press the player was in uniform heading to the field. He says a decision on charges could come this week.

Armstrong, the Raiders and

of the season against the New York Giants. Garrett said Randle's absence was excused, and Randle didn't return to the team before he was released almost a week later.

A fifth-round pick out of Oklahoma State in 2013, Randle ran afoul of the coaches in the offseason when he said "there was a lot of meat on the bone," a suggestion that Murray could have done more despite breaking Emmitt Smith's franchise record with 1,845 yards rushing last season.

Randle has 822 career yards with nine touchdowns in 35 games, including eight starts.

the Steelers declined comment Tuesday.

Taunting a police dog is a third-degree felony in Pennsylvania.

Kraus says surveillance video captured part of the encounter.

Manfred hopeful for Cuba game; owners to discuss netting



BOCA RATON, Fla.
(AP)—Major

League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred remains hopeful a big league team will play an exhibition game in Cuba during spring training.

President Barack Obama announced in December his intention to restore diplomatic ties between the United States and Cuba, and embassies were re-established in July.

"There are a variety of issues involved there, not all of which are wholly within baseball's control," Manfred said Tuesday at the general managers meetings. "Obviously, the federal government has some significant influence on whether that's going to take place, and there are issues that need to be solved before that can happen."

U.S. teams played spring training games in Cuba before Fidel Castro's revolution but none appeared there from March 1959 until the Baltimore Orioles faced Cuba's national team in Havana in March 1999. MLB has not returned since.

"We got a little time still. There isn't really a firm cutoff," Manfred said. "We're going to proceed internally and get to the point where we've sort of identified who would go, meaning which club would go if we can get it done. And one club maintaining flexibility with respect to a spring training date is a lot easier than 25 clubs maintaining that flexibility."

On other topics:

FAN SAFETY

He said ballpark differences make it impractical to have identical protective netting at all 30 big league venues. The commissioner's office has been discussing the issue with teams following a series of injuries to fans from foul balls this year.

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for Tan Holdings-2, which fell to fourth place behind idle Paire (2-0-1) with its 1-0-2 card.

GIRLS U15

Matansa 4, Paire 1

Still at the Hopwood pitch for the girls U15 action, Matansa reclaimed the top spot in the team

PADDLEFEST

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few youth paddlers since Saturdays and Sundays are usually a busy day for the CNMI sports community as various activities were usually held simultaneously.

"Overall the turnout was consistent with our last event in June. We did have a few less youth paddlers on hand due to multiple activities happening on the same day around the island," said Manning.

Though it was not on their



Owners will talk about the matter when they meet in Dallas on Nov. 18-19.

"If you go out and look at the ballparks, it becomes evident that a simple uniform—for example you're going to net to the edge of the dugout—is not workable, given the variation in designs of the stadium," Manfred said. "It's going to have to be a little more complicated than that if, in fact, we move ahead."

PETE ROSE

Manfred remains on track to decide Pete Rose's application for reinstatement by the end of next month.

Then Cincinnati's manager, Rose agreed in 1989 to a lifetime ban from baseball after an

MLB investigation concluded he bet on games involving the Reds while managing and playing. Manfred met with the career hits leader Sept. 24.

"The end of the year is my deadline," Manfred said. "I'm not telling you that this is coming Dec. 30 or whatever. It will be done before the end of the year, let me be clear about that."

SECOND BASE TAKEOUTS

Baseball and the players union appear to be moving toward a new rule applying to takeout slides at second base. The Dodgers' Chase Utley broke a leg of Mets shortstop Ruben Tejada breaking up a potential double play during the NL Championship Series.

"There will be dialogue on that topic with this group this week. There will be dialogue with the owners next week and we will continue our conversations with the MLBPA on this topic," Manfred said. "We see this as a player safety issue and we want to make sure we're in the right place without committing to whether there's going to be a change or not."

CARDINALS-ASTROS PROBE

Following the start of a federal investigation into whether St. Louis Cardinals employees hacked into a Houston Astros' database, Manfred spoke to GMs about intellectual property and plans to have the issue on

the agenda for next week's owners' meeting.

"It's an issue upon which we will give advice to the individual clubs to make sure that they negotiate individual contract provisions that are protective of what they feel they need to protect," he said. "Twenty-five years ago or 30 years ago, intellectual property in this business was what some GM carried around in his head and he was going to take with him when he left. ... Today the business has changed."

DODGERS TV

Manfred hopes to avoid a third consecutive season in which

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for submission of entry forms is on Nov. 20. Draws will be posted by Nov. 23. Entry fees are \$20 for singles and \$15 per person in the doubles.

In the second week, the events lined up are men's and women's 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, and over 40 singles, doubles, and mixed doubles. Deadline for registration is on Nov. 27, while draws will be available by Dec. 2. Interested players who wish to play in doubles, but do not have a partner may indicate in the registration form that they are looking for one.

Entry forms are available at the TSL Foundation office on the second floor of JP Centre Building in Beach Road Garapan, Tan Holdings office at TSL Plaza, also in Beach Road, and at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan through tennis pro Luke Beling.

For more information, visit the tournament website www.tanholdings.com/tennis.

Major League Baseball commissioner Rob Manfred speaks with reporters after the groundbreaking ceremony for the future home of the Houston Astros and the Washington Nationals spring training facility on Monday, Nov. 9, 2015, in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Time Warner Cable SportsNet LA, which televises most Dodgers games, is unavailable to many homes in the market. Charter Communications announced in May it plans to buy Time Warner Cable.

"I'm hopeful that there are dynamics in play beyond baseball in terms of corporate activity that may create some flexibility and hopefully we will get a resolution in time for the 2016 season," he said.

ALL-STAR GAME AT WRIGLEY FIELD

Wrigley Field last hosted an All-Star Game in 1990. MLB already has announced the All-Star Game will be played in San Diego next year, followed by Miami in 2017 and Washington in 2018.

"It's a question of how far out we want to be committed right now," Manfred said.

RAYS BALLPARK

Tampa Bay hopes with a change in members following this year's election, the St. Petersburg City Council will allow the team to explore other sites in the area for a new ballpark.

"I believe that Tampa-St. Pete is a viable major league market with the right facility," Manfred said.

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NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	5	3	.625	—
New York	4	4	.500	1
Boston	3	3	.500	1
Brooklyn	0	7	.000	4½
Philadelphia	0	7	.000	4½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	7	2	.778	—
Miami	5	3	.625	1½
Washington	3	4	.429	3
Charlotte	3	4	.429	3
Orlando	3	5	.375	3½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	7	1	.875	—
Detroit	5	2	.714	1½
Chicago	5	3	.625	2
Indiana	4	4	.500	3
Milwaukee	4	4	.500	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	5	2	.714	—
Houston	4	3	.571	1
Dallas	3	4	.429	2
Memphis	3	5	.375	2½
New Orleans	1	6	.143	4

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	5	3	.625	—
Minnesota	4	3	.571	½
Utah	4	3	.571	½
Portland	4	4	.500	1
Denver	3	4	.429	1½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	8	0	1.000	—
L.A. Clippers	5	2	.714	2½
Phoenix	3	4	.429	4½
L.A. Lakers	1	6	.143	6½
Sacramento	1	7	.125	7

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mixed emotions for Trench Warz 19 fighters



LUCAS NUTTING FACEBOOK PAGE

Lucas Nutting aims to follow up his third-round win over Tan Tasacan in last year's Rites of Passage 17: Road to Glory when he takes on Jones Langu in Trench Warz 19: No Turning Back on Nov. 27 at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall.

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Some of the fighters in the undercard bouts are expressing mixed emotions as Trench Warz 19: No Turning Back nears.

Lucas "Irish Zombie" Nutting is confident of earning his second win, while Derrick Asao feels nervous when he showcases his skills for the first time.

A.J. "Smalls" Aldan and Derek "Hot Shot" Naog said they are reserving their energy and would rather let their fighting do the talking in the event set on Nov. 27, Friday, at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort.

Nutting, who will go up against Jones Langu for the second fight of his young mixed martial arts career, said he is aiming for a quick result against the RedAntsAcademy bet.

The Trench Tech Gym fighter, who prepared for three months, added that he is confident in beating Langu when they clash in the three-round bantamweight bout.

The 19-year-old Nutting even had some choice words for Langu, firing the opening salvo even before they face-off inside the cage.

"I watched Jones Langu fight a couple of times but I don't see any potential threats. I know I'm going to pick him apart and finish the fight in under a minute," said Nutting,

who won his debut against Tan Tasacan by Guillotine choke in Trench Warz 17: Road to Glory.

Nutting, who will start his studies for business and education degrees in the spring semester at the Northern Marianas College, said that his newly born son, Logan Pierre Tenorio Nutting, is his inspiration.

"I want to show my son that when you work hard you can achieve glory. I want him to look up to me and become a good role model," Nutting added.

Team Zalaka's Asao, who doesn't know who will be his opponent, has trained for two months. "I feel nervous since this is my first time to fight."

Aldan (3-1) will have the entire Saipan World Resort cheering for him when he takes on Timothy Salas of Zalaka in the opening bout. He works at the Susupe hotel.

Naog, who has been fighting since 2013, will test how far would his one-month training go when he battles Albert "Baby Sanchai" Andrea of Guam Muay Thai in one of the four K1 bouts. "I always aim to become better in what I do so I could reach the top."

Trench Warz 19 tickets are now available at Boarderline, Trench Tech Gym, IT&E's Middle Road office, and Swirls on Garapan. Ticket prices are \$25 for general admission and \$35 for VIP seats.

PIC crushes Armatech for third win

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Pacific Islands Club coasted to its third win in the open division of the 2015 San Antonio Community Action Network Basketball League after pounding Armatech, 92-50, last Monday night at the San Antonio court.

PIC held Armatech scoreless in the first four minutes and change of the match to bag the easy victory and hand the latter its second loss in as many games in the West Group of the inaugural league.

While Armatech was without a field goal for nearly five minutes in the opening frame, PIC got two early triples from shooter James Abuy and two point-blanked shots from Darwin Barbo and Devin Galloway for a 10-0 advantage. PIC never relinquished the upper hand from thereon although Armatech, which finally made it to the board at the 5:39 mark off Haejun Park's triple, managed to bring the deficit to single digits at halftime, 27-34, after falling behind by 14 at the end of the first period, 10-24.

PIC regained the twin-digit spread in the third period, 66-40, with Abuy again on fire, drilling the team's first 8 points in the second half. The rest of his teammates joined the scoring spree, including PIC's second



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Pacific Islands Club's Raymark Castro goes up for a one-hander against the outstretched arm of Armatech's Jerome Malasarte during the second quarter of their open division game in the San Antonio caging last Monday at the San Antonio court.

and third stringers to demolish Armatech.

Abuy, who suits up for Armatech in the masters division, top-scored for PIC with his 15 points, while Mardix Eroch added 14 off the bench. Mike

Espinosa was the third PIC player to hit double figures with his 10 markers, while seven of his teammates contribute at least 6 points apiece in the rout.

Armatach had only one player tallying twin digits with big

man Stephen Tolosa logging 14.

Meanwhile, in another open division pairing last Saturday, Cholos also notched its third win after outclassing Ferrera Builders, 84-75.

Cholos dominated Ferrera Builders right at the get-go and withstood the latter's rally in the final canto behind Jun Tabora's successive baskets for the 9-point winning margin.

Tabora, who was held to two field goals in the first three periods, registered Cholos' last 8 points to thwart Ferrera's comeback bid.

Monday Game

PIC 92 — Abuy 15, Eroch 14, Espinosa 10, Quitugua 9, Feria 9, Galloway 8, Hambros 7, Babauta 6, Castro 6, Barbo 4, Rabasto 2, Aranda 2.

Armatach 50 — Tolosa 14, Asuhan 8, B. Malasarte 7, Duenas 5, Park 5, J. Malasarte 4, Pablo 4, Sacramento 2, Canedo 1.

Scoring by quarters: 24-10, 34-27, 66-40, 92-50.

Sunday Game

Cholos 84 — Rangamar 14, Tabora 12, Lizama 12, Lerio 11, Norita 8, Zalgatar 7, Tobias 6, Capalad 5, Camacho 4, Laguindam 4, Hernandez 2.

Ferrera 75 — Mortos 17, Edralin 12, Salalila 11, Lontoc 10, Paraiso 10, Guiang 8, El-dich 7.

Scoring by quarters: 26-12, 48-36, 64-53, 84-75.

NMA invites runners to final events of 2015

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Northern Marianas Athletics is inviting all running enthusiasts to join their last two road racing events of 2015—the 31st Turkey Trot Fun Run and the 34th Christmas Island Relay.

The Turkey Trot is an annual running event held every Thanksgiving Day.

The 4.2-mile (6.8 kilometers) trek up Mt. Tapochao, the highest point on Saipan at 474 meters or 1,555 feet, is set on Nov. 26.

Registration starts at 5:30am and the run, which starts at Lower Base and the finish line on top of Mt. Tapocaho, is at 6am. Fees are \$5 for youth (U18) and \$10 for adults.

The first places in each age division—U12, U18, 30-39, 40-49, over-50, and open—will get turkeys in time for the celebration of the annual American holiday.

On Dec. 19, NMA will hold the 34th edition of the Annual Christmas Island Relay that starts at the south parking lot of the Pacific Islands Club and ends at the Last Command Post in Marpi.

Race categories for the half marathon distance-racing event (13.7 miles or 22K) are a five-member team and individual or

open division.

In the team category, members of the five-person squad will alternately run 1 mile (1.6K) from PIC's south parking lot to the Last Command Post.

Registration fee is \$25 for both the team—\$5 for each team—and individual categories. Sign up starts at

5:30am and the race at 6am.

Last year, Team Usagi bested 10 other groups as they completed the early morning race in 1:32.24.

Seiya Eda and Beo Ngirchongor along with veterans Mamiko Oshima-Berger, Tony Ichiou, and Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel were the members of Team Usagi, which

means rabbit in Japanese.

Eda, Kabiriel, and Ichiou also ruled the race in 2013 as part of the Road Runners with Manny Aaron and Jessie James as the other members.

"Join us promote health and fitness as we prepare for the coming New Year. For more information and registration, go to the NMA Facebook page," said NMA official Elias Rangamar.



JON PEREZ

Tsunami Saipan members slow down as they near the finish line in last year's Christmas Island Relay. Running enthusiasts are being invited by the Northern Marianas Athletics to start forming their teams in time for next month's racing event.



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Matansa barges into win column



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Matansa FC's Jeremy Ngiraked, front, steals the ball from Shirley's FC's Jan Cruz during the second half of their boys U15 game in the NMIFA youth league last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

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Matansa Football Club gained its first win of the season after whipping Shirley's FC, 9-0, in the boys U15 division game in the 2015 NMIFA Youth Fall League last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Matansa capitalized on the depleted Shirley's FC crew to bag its first win in three games. Shirley's, which suited up in last weekend's opening tiff with only nine players, is still winless in four matches.

Jeremy Ngiraked had a hat-trick in Matansa's rout of Shirley's, scoring all his three goals in the second half. Jether Yobech and David Mafnas added one goal apiece in the final 45 minutes of the match. Yobech also drilled a goal in the first half, while Joshua Malig, Iverson Santos, and Ray Lieto were the other scorers for Matansa in the opening frame.

cord. He got one more goal in the second half, while Oliver Lee recorded a hat-trick in the final 45 minutes of the match. Joshua Abragan and Michael Lee registered the two other goals for MP United, which remains on top of the seven-team field.



Kanoa is in fifth place with its 1-0-3 record.

Tan Holdings-1 9, Tan Holdings-2 1,

Over at the Hopwood Junior High School Field, Tan Holdings-1 also kept its unbeaten mark (3-0-0) after whipping sister squad Tan Holdings-1.

Jonah Pohl starred in Tan Holdings-1's demolition of Tan Holdings-2, firing four goals. Emmanuel Aniana chipped in two, while Albert Bergancia, Rico Reyes, and Mareko Tekophia tallied one each. Joshua Waldo registered the lone goal

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PaddleFest sparks interest in the sport



JON PEREZ

Harumi Suzuki paddles her way to the women's open crown in last Saturday's Marianas PaddleFest held at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's beachside. Race organizers are planning their next event as interest in stand up paddling has been increasing.

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Last Saturday's second leg of the Marianas PaddleFest has sparked a renewed interest on paddle sports in the community, according to OceanSoul Society representative Dino Manning.

Manning, who helped organize the stand up paddleboard racing event, said they will capitalize on this as they plan their next races. It was also the first

and Kaya Rasa (U12) duplicating his feat in their respective divisions.

OceanSoul, Windsurfing Saipan, and Hyatt Regency Saipan were the co-organizers of the first two races. The first stand up paddle race was held last June 28.

"I feel like the level of competition increased compared to the last race as a result of participants showing up consistently in the practice sessions prior to race day," said Manning.

He added that there were a
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Guam players commit anew to Tan Holdings Tennis Classic

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Guam players are again coming to Saipan later this month to compete in the 7th Annual Tan Holdings Tennis Classic.

According to tournament coordinator Lydia Tan, four to six players are participating in the junior singles and doubles events, while six to eight may enter the adults singles and doubles contests. She added that Eddie Wu of Hong Kong may also return to Saipan to join the annual tennis tournament.

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Guam's George Lai, left, and Hong Kong Eddie Wu, get ready at the backline during their men's over 40 doubles title game against Ken Iwaya and Joe Quitugua in the 6th Tan Holdings Tennis Classic at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan tennis courts.

Wu has been playing in the Tan Holdings Tennis Classic since 2013. Last year, he teamed up with Guam's George Lai in beating Saipan's



Ken Iwaya and Joe Quitugua in the men's over 40 doubles finals, 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5).

This year's Tan Holdings Tennis Classic will still be played



for two weekends with Week 1 running from Nov. 27 to 29 and Week 2 taking place from Dec. 4 to 6. Matches will be played at the tennis courts of Fiesta Resort & Spa (main headquarters), Kanoa Resort, Hyatt Regency Saipan, and Pacific Islands Club. The American Memorial Park tennis courts, which hosted Tan Holdings Tennis Classic games in the past, is unavailable this year due to the damage it sustained from Typhoon Soudelor last Aug. 2.

The opening week of the competition will feature matches in the junior singles and doubles in the U10, U12, U14, U16, and U18 age groups. A co-ed mini tennis for 10-and-under players will also be held in Week 1.

Registration for the opening week is ongoing and deadline

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